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One day, a package is delivered. Attached is a postcard that reads "Congratulations! You are one of the 1 in 100,000 people who have been entered in the LIAR GAME." Along with the postcard there are 100 million yen in notes. That's the start of the Liar Game. When the Game ends in 30 days, you will have to return your 100 million. That is the only rule. The winner gets to keep the 100 million yen stolen from the opponent, whereas the loser must bear 100 million in debt... Who can be trusted, and who cannot?

Set in that very situation, this work explores human psychology to its limits!

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Chapter 1 Notes

This is a special preview release of LIAR GAME chapter 1 by Kaitani Shinobu. Following releases will be in volumes

There's also an 11 episode long drama based on the manga

- In Japanese, surname comes before given name
- At the time of the release of volume 1, 1 USD ≈ 113.28 JPY
- Whenever the word **MONEY** is typeset like this, it refers to the money used in the Liar Game

page 000a:

- No idea if these putti have any deeper significance in the manga. If you wish so, you can think they might represent PSEUDOLOGOi, spirits of lies and falsehood

page 000b:

- The angel and the symbol are unfamiliar to us, please enlighten us on these and the abovementioned issue if you know better

page 002:

- The protagonist's name, **Nao** (直), means *honest / frank / straightforward*
- Police box = **kouban** (交番). Here police officers can keep watch, respond to emergencies, give directions, and otherwise interact with the citizens

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- A **goukon** is a party with students from different colleges, usually to find dates

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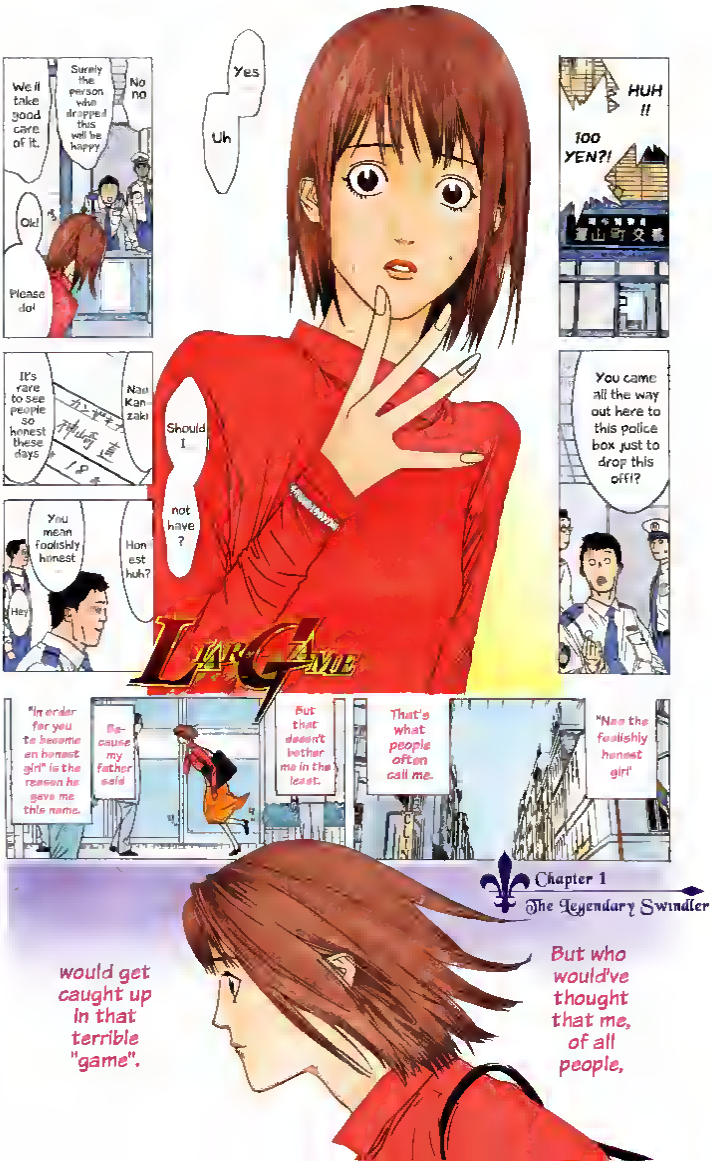
- *Multi-level marketing (MLM)* is a business model that combines direct marketing with franchising. While MLM is actually a legitimate way to do business, it still has a negative image. This is because illegal *pyramid scams* often try to present themselves as MLM businesses. In a *pyramid scam*, people are hired to hire people to hire people etc., etc., and only the people on very top of this pyramid really make a profit. The term *MLM* repeats throughout this manga, and quite possibly almost always in a negative sense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But who would've thought that me, of all people,
would get caught up in that terrible "game".
LIAR GAME
"In order for you to become an honest girl" is the reason he gave me this name.
Because my father said
But that doesn't bother me in the least.
That's what people often call me.
"Nao the foolishly honest girl"
You came all the way out here to this police box just to drop this off!?
HUH !!
100 YEN?!
Yes
Uh
Should I
not have ?
Nao Kanzaki
It's rare to see people so honest these days
You mean foolishly honest
Hon est huh?
Hey
We'll take good care of it.
Surely the person who dropped this will be happy.
No no
Ok!
Please do!

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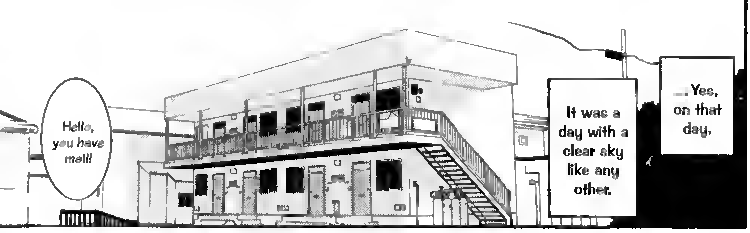
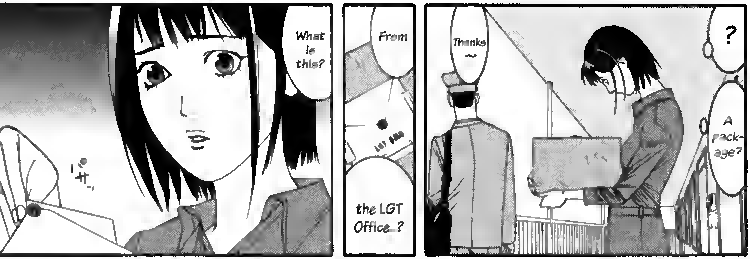

Hello, you have mail!
It was a day with a clear sky like any other.
...Yes, on that day.


What is this?
From
the LGT Office..?
Thanks ~
A package?
?

Ms Nao Kanzaki,
Congratulations!
You are one of the 1 in 100,000 people who have been entered in the amazing
LIAR GAME TOURNAMENT!

TH—
THIS IS..!!

Looking back on it,
I really should have thought more carefully about whether to open that box or not.

1 in 100,000 ...
EEEEH

10...
20...
30...
70...
80...
90...
100.
100 million yen!?

Thank you for participating in the LIAR GAME!
By breaking the seal on the box, you have formally
acknowledged your desire to play the LIAR GAME
You can no longer withdraw your entry.
The enclosed 100 million yen is to be your MONEY
for the first round of the LIAR GAME
Please take good care of it.

acknowledged your desire to play the LIAR
You can no longer withdraw your entry.
The enclosed 100 million yen is to be your

W-what is this
LIAR GAME ..?
These are real
No ...
This is just some mean prank. It has to be!
I mean, if you look closely, these bills are just fakes...
I get it!

It is simply a game where each player competes for the opponent's MONEY.

[although that being said, there are no complicated rules]

Here are the rules for the LIAR GAME's first round explained in simple terms

100 million yen?

Could this be it?

What MONEY?

Since this game is of mutual consent, you will not be accused of being a criminal for taking your opponent's MONEY, so rest assured.

You may use any means necessary. Please seize your opponent's MONEY.

At that time, what will be collected is

After the game is concluded, office representatives will come to retrieve the MONEY

The victor is the one who possesses a larger sum of MONEY at the moment the game ends.

Once the opponent has been decided, the game will last a period of 30 days

Your opponent will be contacted by us at a later time.

The match is one on one.

The MONEY that was given to both players at the start of the game.
In your case, the bills totaling one hundred million yen, numbered from BGL00585KK to BGL10584KK.
We ask the player to return the MONEY the moment staff representatives come to collect it.
In the event that you succeed in taking the opponent's MONEY, then naturally there will be a surplus
In such a case, that will become your prize.
In other words, in this round,
You can obtain at most a reward of one hundred million yen
However on the other hand, if you have lost MONEY
even if you must go into debt, we will have you reimburse us for the losings
How terrible.
If my opponent steals the whole 100 million yen, then I...

would be 100 million yen in debt..?

I was full of fright about the possibility of falling into a debt of 100 million yen.

For one full month from that day on,

Instead...

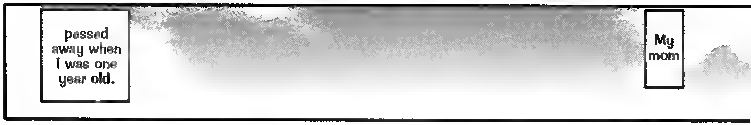
"If I won, I might be able to gain a huge sum of money..."
...that thought didn't even cross my mind.

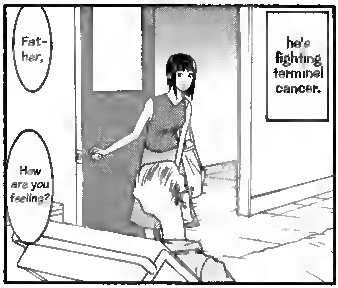
What should I...

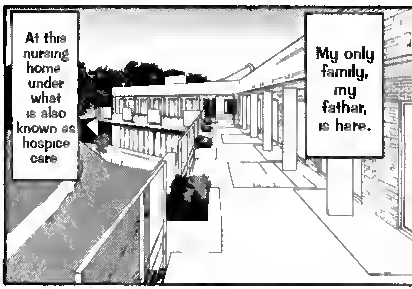
What should I...

...is what I thought, but...
I should consult someone
I myself had no idea what to do.
At any rate...
I hadn't made even a single new friend yet
I had just been admitted to an all-girls college this past April
AH!! Kanzaki!!
There's something I'd like to ask you, but...
You came JUST in time!!
Excuse me,
I'm a bit busy
Ah, I...
This is not quite the right atmosphere for a serious talk...
We're having a goukon with some Tokyo Med students, and we're one short!
How 'bout it?
Are you free this afternoon?

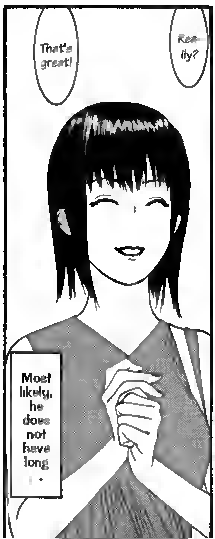
I'm an only child, I have no siblings.
Normally one would say, 'Shouldn't I ask my family?", but


passed away when I was one year old.
My mom

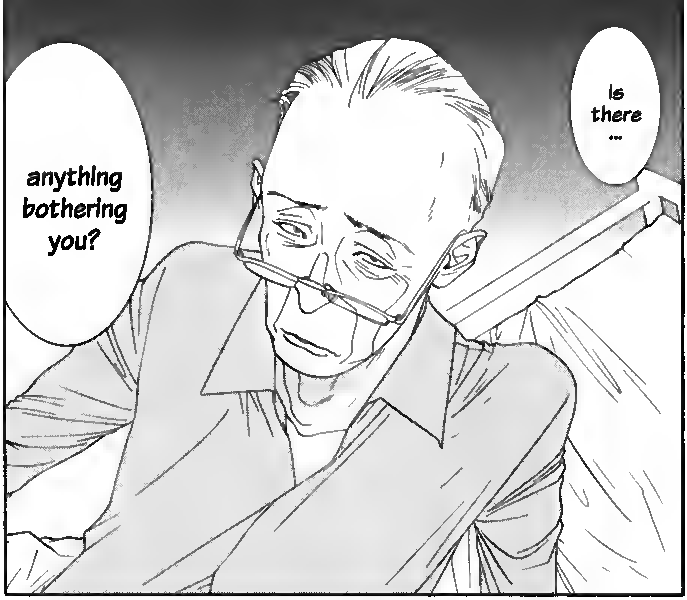

Father,
How are you feeling?
he's fighting terminal cancer.

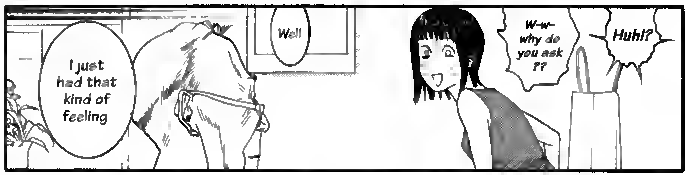

At this nursing home under what is also known as hospice care
My only family, my father, is here.

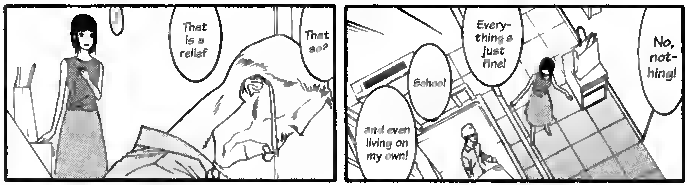
I wonder if he'll even make it to the new year.
One more year — no.
Hey...


That's great!
Really?
Most likely, he does not have long.

This place makes me feel better.
Maybe it's because of the spring weather.

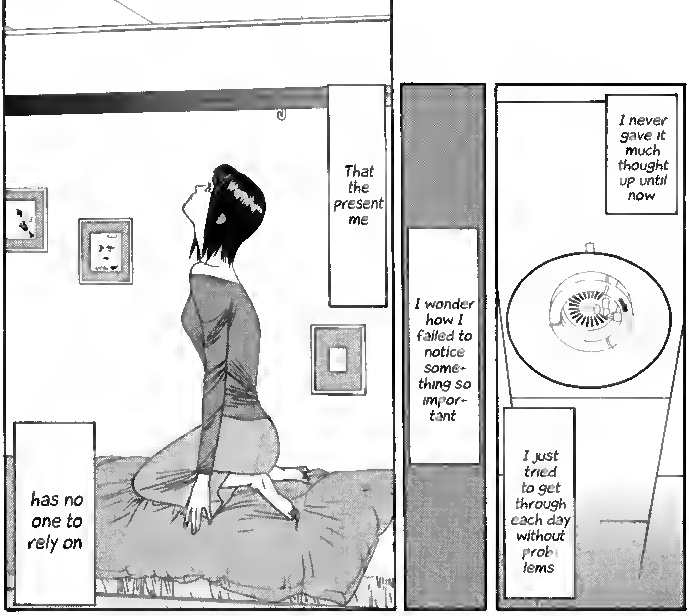

Is there ...
anything bothering you?

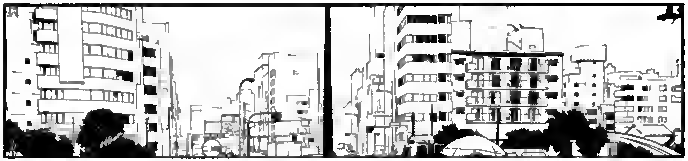

Huh!?
W-w-why do you ask ??
Well
I just had that kind of feeling

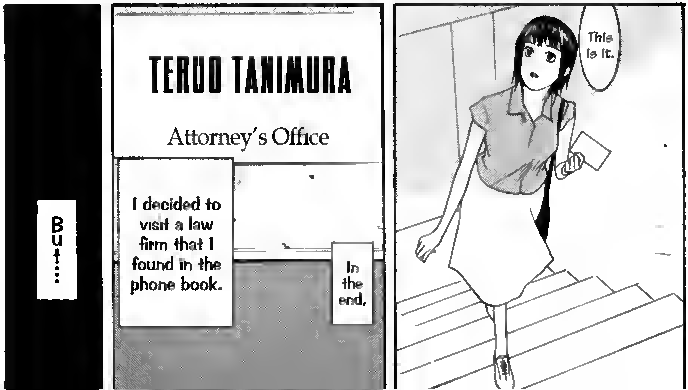

No, nothing!
Everything's just fine!
School
and even living on my own!
That's a relief
That was

my father lives his remaining days in peace and serenity
It is my humble wish that

That's why I just can't tell my father about this.
It's impossible to convey the seriousness of the situation through text mail ...
Sigh ...
Subject:
It's been a while
Message:
How are you, Nao? I see you're as bad at telling jokes as always / If you're gonna lie, then try something more realistic
But the replies I got were ...
Subject:
do not believe you
Message:
...eah? you mail? GYAHAHAHA!!
Since you've a...
I even sent text mail to my high school friends.
It made me realize that they're just acquaintances who like to text back and forth
They're all so busy that I can't meet up with them.
Everyone got split up by continuing on to college or finding work
lonely.
Thinking about it even more, I'm pretty ...


That the present me
has no one to rely on
I wonder how I failed to notice something so important
I never gave it much thought up until now
I just tried to get through each day without problems

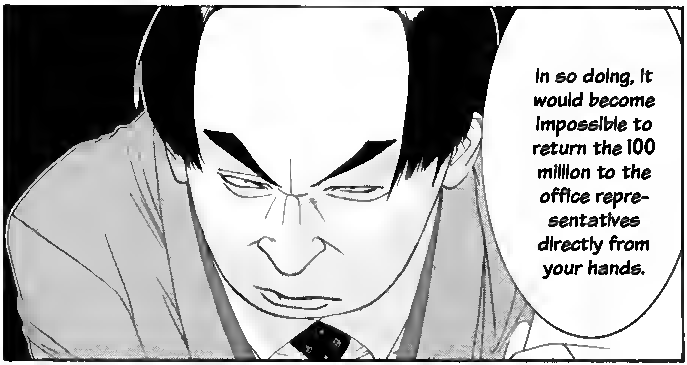



But...
TERUO TANIMURA
Attorney's Office
I decided to visit a law firm that I found in the phone book.
In the end,
This is it.

I'm afraid
there's nothing that can be done at this point in time.
A lawyer's job is one in which they are consulted to help people who have suffered damages
But in your case,
Just think about it.
What!?
you haven't suffered any kind of loss yet, have you now?
Ah
Let's see if I got this straight
You say you've been told to look after 100 million yen by some unknown person
and that is it.
It's not like you've lost even a single yen.
Right?
Well...
That is true, but...

B-BUT!!
That is to say, at this stage there are no legal measures you can take.
Ah...
what if you took it to the police?
Then,
I don't have the confidence to take care of such a large sum!
it's a burden.
I can take it to the police...! Right! right!
Why didn't I realize such a simple thing earlier?
...police
—police...?
That's what the sender was aiming for!
Ah-hah!! That's it!!

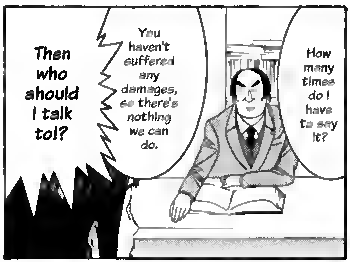
huh?
This is it! This is a trap!!
Entrusting it all to the police.
the rules said this.
"We ask the player to return the MONEY the moment staff representatives come to collect it"
After much deliberation, an ordinary person would find it too much of a hassle and take it over to the police, right?
Right
Whereas,
Huh!?
They are expecting you to go to the police.

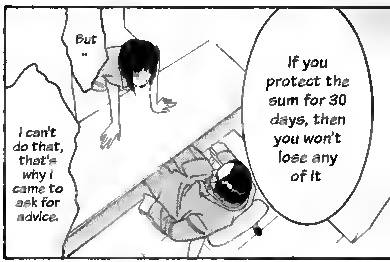

In so doing, it would become impossible to return the 100 million to the office representatives directly from your hands.

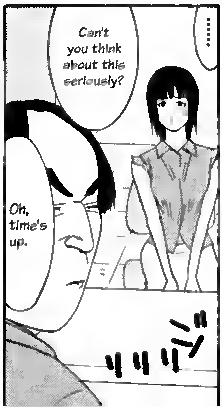
Basically,
what does that mean!?
W-
ガタ
Huuuhh??

What would you do then?
Then, those collectors show up.
Simply put, they'd treat the 100 million yen as if you had picked it up on the road.
It means that the police would most likely handle something like this as lost goods.
You think that the cops would just return 100 million yen with a "sure, here you go"?
You'd go over to the cops and say something like "The owner of the 100 million yen has shown up. Please return the money to me."
That's the trap!!
The moment you hand it over to the police, it becomes impossible to honor the rule about the player returning the money immediately when asked for it
The cops only give lost items to the owners who lost them
Ah!!
No way...
What should I do?
Because there's no way to return such a sum, unable to honor the agreement you'd take out a 100 million loan and go into debt.
while, on the other hand, demanding you the 100 million in restitution.
The office reps claim the money as its rightful owner,

Ultimately,
shouldn't you just hang on to the cash?


How many times do I have to say it?
You haven't suffered any damages, so there's nothing we can do.
Then who should I talk to!?


If you protect the sum for 30 days, then you won't lose any of it
But ..
I can't do that, that's why I came to ask for advice.


.....
Can't you think about this seriously?
Oh, time's up.

When it comes to scams,
a scam artist would be the best person to turn to.

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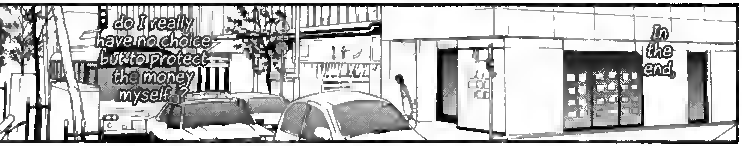
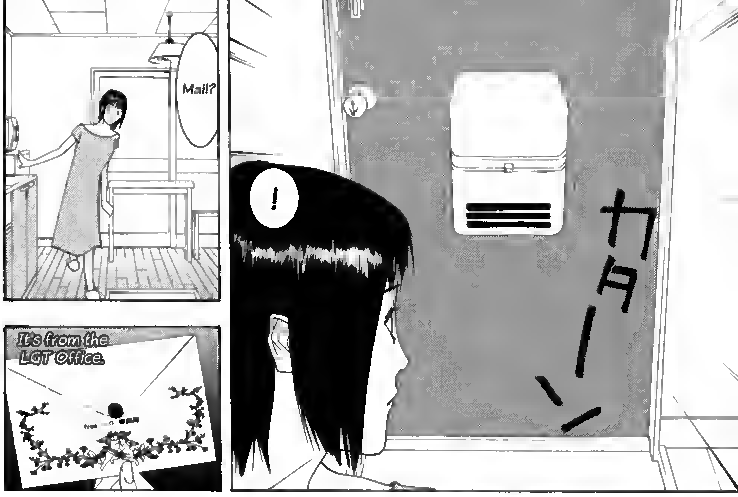
Or would you like to keep going?
The fee for one hour's consult... 15,000 yen.


...do I really have no choice but to protect the money myself?
In the end,

me?
Why...

Why is someone doing something like this?
What is this Liar Game?

And then one day
I grew weaker day by day.
I could not get sleep.
I wasn't able to move an inch from the drawer I hid the money in.
Every day was more and more stressful.
I was scared.


Mail?
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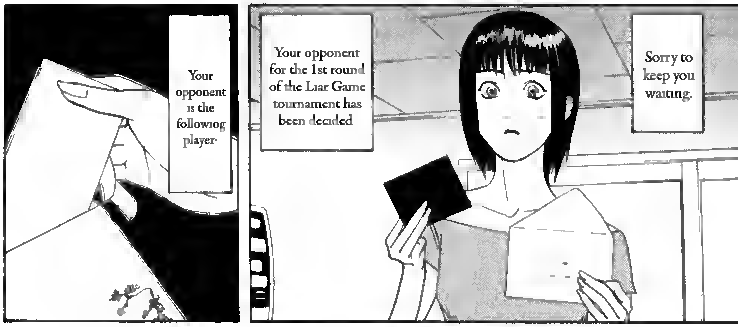
カターン
It's from the LGT Office.


Your opponent is the following player.
Your opponent for the 1st round of the Liar Game tournament has been decided
Sorry to keep you waiting.

This person is...!!
Th-

PLAYER 藤沢和雄（フジサワ

My 2nd year junior high homeroom teacher,

Mr. Fujisawa!!

DATA ＊10月14日生

He was an extremely caring teacher.

He kindly took time out to advise me about my father's illness and my career choices.

The person on the page was none other than my favourite middle school teacher.

I was surprised.

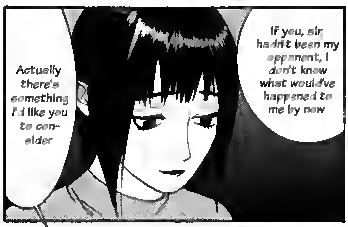
An extremely lucky chance!!

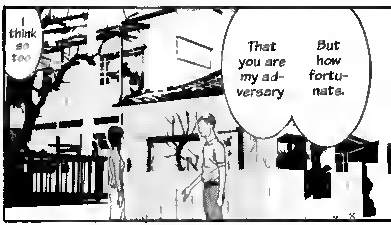
some accident!? Or maybe...

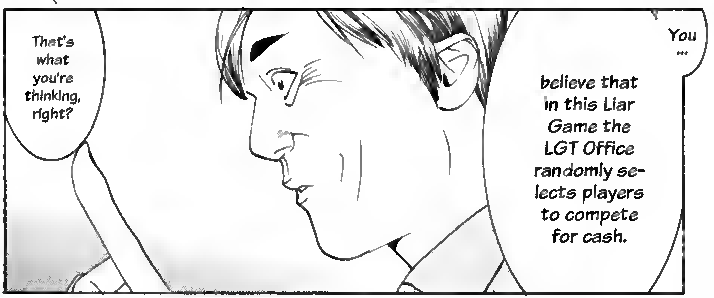
Could this...

perhaps be...

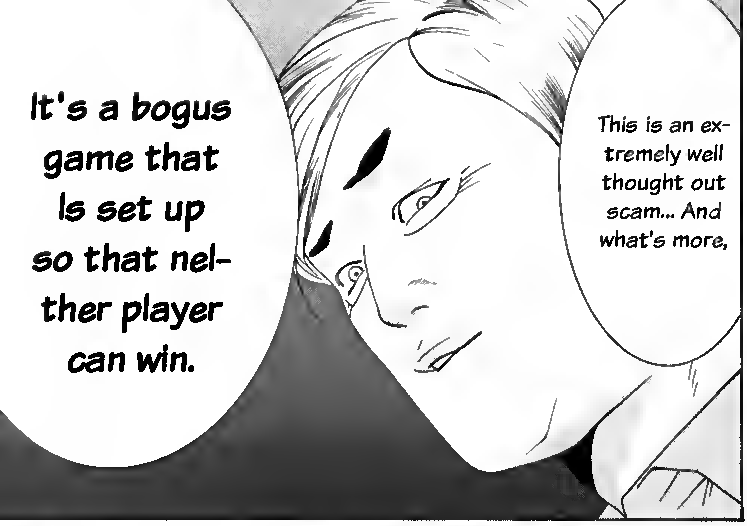
Is that so?
I'm in the same situation as you.


Actually there's something I'd like you to consider
If you, sir hadn't been my opponent, I don't know what would've happened to me by now


I think so too
That you are my adversary
But how fortunate.


That's what you're thinking, right?
You ...
believe that in this Liar Game the LGT Office randomly selects players to compete for cash.

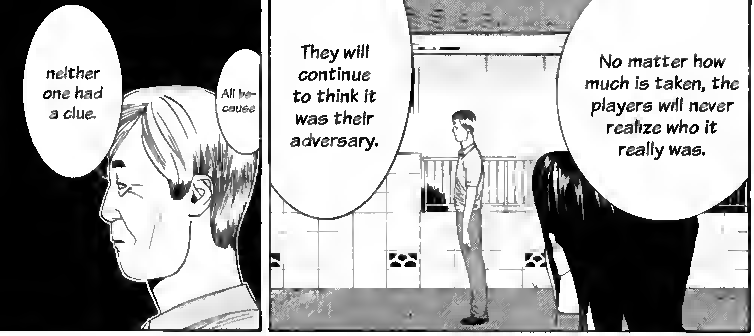
Yes, that's not it.
Am I wrong?
Why?
Yes

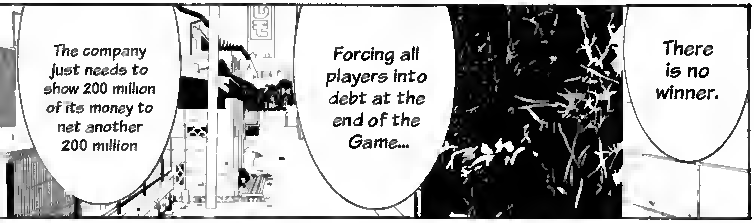

It's a bogus game that is set up so that neither player can win.
This is an extremely well thought out scam... And what's more,

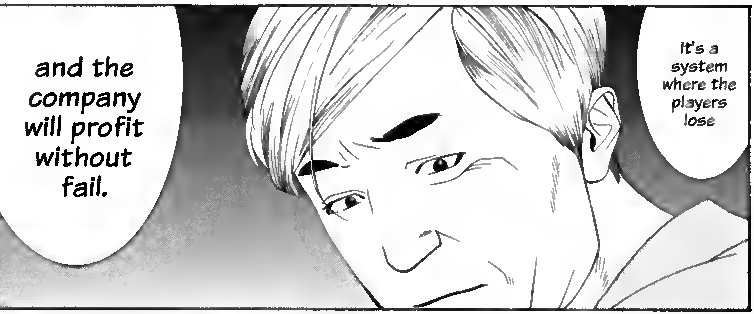
Yep,
without a doubt.
You're saying that we'll both lose!?
WHAT!?

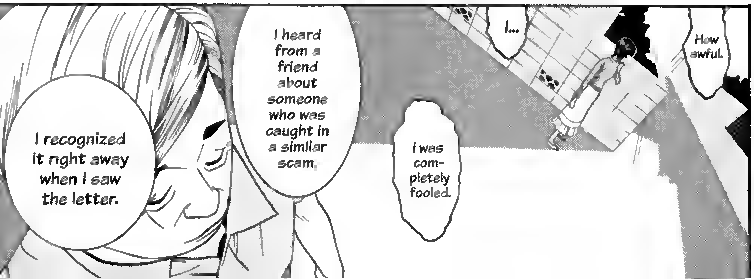
But in reality,
the one who stole your 50 million isn't X ...
You'd assume that the person who at...is it was X right?
...yeah...
?
And so, some time after the game begins, you have half your money stolen while you sleep.
But rather a completely different person that you have no idea about.
X.
In order to explain this simply, let's just say for the moment that your adversary isn't me,

The thief is from the Liar Game Office.
!!
The true enemy isn't your adversary,
it's the company orchestrating this game.
Although players might succeed in taking cash from each other, since the sum that the LGT Office took will disappear from the stage,
it means that the two will be broke in the end.
LGT
Must have been Y
X
Only 90 will
No matter how much cash the LGT Office steals from the players,
LGT
the affected players can only assume they lost to each other, because neither one knew about the real thief.
Only 90 will
Must have been X
Y


neither one had a clue.
All because
They will continue to think it was their adversary.
No matter how much is taken, the players will never realize who it really was.

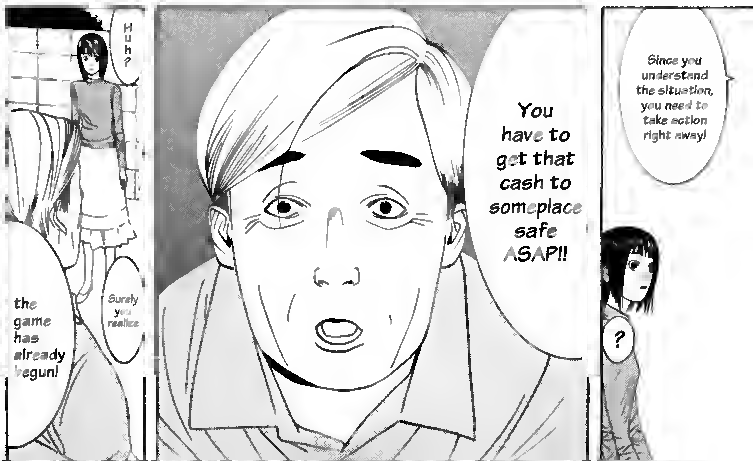

The company just needs to show 200 million of its money to net another 200 million
Forcing all players into debt at the end of the Game...
There is no winner.


and the company will profit without fail.
It's a system where the players lose


I recognized it right away when I saw the letter.
I heard from a friend about someone who was caught in a similar scam.
I was completely fooled.
I...
How awful.

I mean, of all things, pairing up two acquaintances like us.
But you know, this company has made a huge mistake.

I'm so glad you explained it to me.
You're right.
We were able to get around this trap.
We're extremely lucky.


Huh?
Surely you realize
the game has already begun!
You have to get that cash to someplace safe ASAP!!
Since you understand the situation, you need to take action right away!
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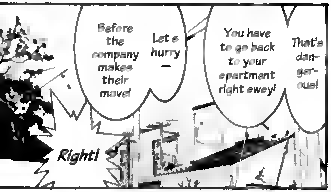
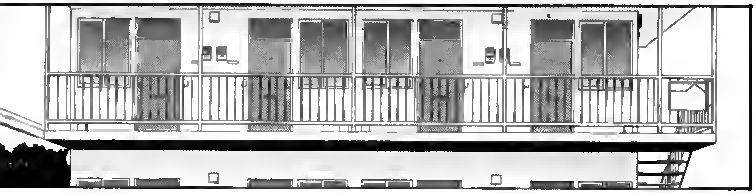
AH!! You're right!!
While you're over here, the LGT Office may be going after your money.


Right!
Before the company makes their move!
Let's hurry —
You have to go back to your apartment right away!
That's dangerous!

At home, hidden in my dresser drawer.
Where is the money right now?

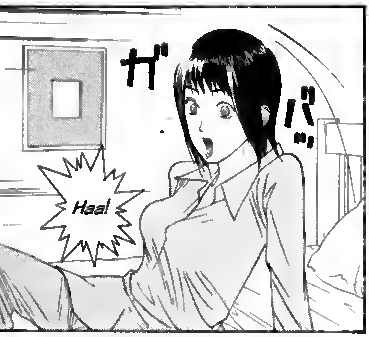


It looks like we got here before the company.
What a relief!
Sir, what should I do with this cash?

It's here!!

That is the safest way
Let's deposit yours and mine at the same time in separate safety deposit boxes for the 30 days
Then, I will assume responsibility for seeing that your money is safe.
Thank you for your help.
You've never opened a safety deposit account, have you?
You can leave it to me.
That would be safe.
Even though I worried all this time about what to do,
with this —
I finally found a solution.
Phew —

I can finally rest at ease.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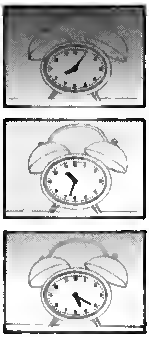
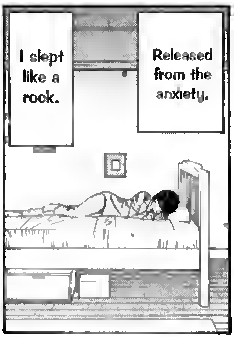
Haa!




I slept like a rock.
Released from the anxiety.

What is it this time?

Ah, it must be from the Liar Game Office.
A post-card?

Oh my goodness.
I slept for over one full day.

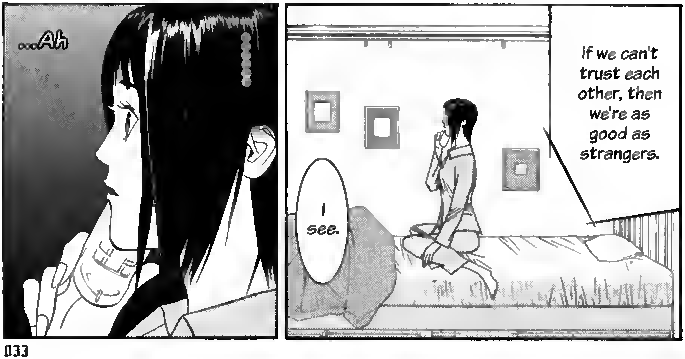
LIAR GAME status
FUJISAWA KAZUO +100.000.000
KANZAKI NAO -100.000.000
You are currently losing.
There are 27 days remaining.

What the..?
.....

Huu-uuh?
The company sent that?

Huh?
They most likely found out we knew each other.

If fellow players were working together, it wouldn't be possible to steal the money, right?
So they sent you that post-card in order to make us doubt one another.


If we can't trust each other, then we're as good as strangers.
I see.
...Ah

Haha.
I know.
I doubt you, sir.
It's... not that

Okay
If anything happens, feel free to call me.

I know!
I should go back to his house to apologize
That phone call must've sounded like I doubted him
I'm terrible
Aahh. I hate myself.

?
I wonder if he's out
コンコン
Ah
He's on the phone with someone
Ha ha ha
That so?
But really,
100 mil? Surprising, isn't it?
Sounds like he's about the Liar Game.
Somehow, it turned out to be a student of mine from 5 years ago.
About that —
Adversary?
Yeah
She's a good girl.
She's really honest and obedient.

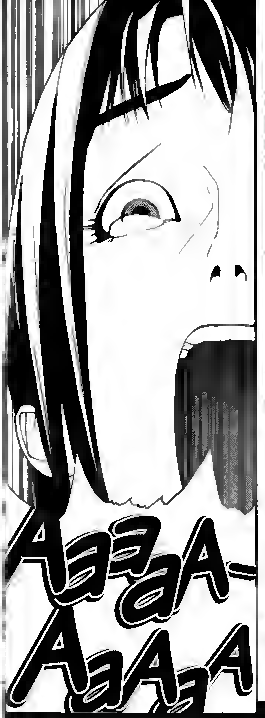
without her even realizing she lost 100 mil.
I had her hooked right from the start.
whe
She's so foolishly honest.

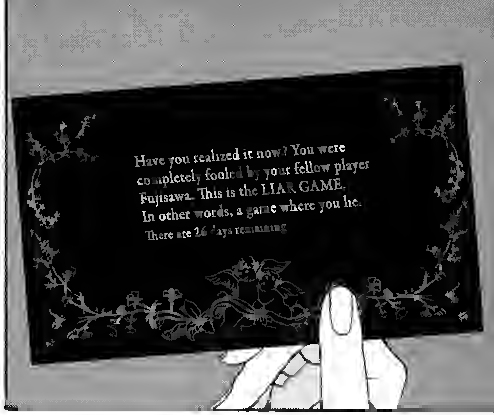
I couldn't tell what was real anymore.
And at that very moment,

A post card for me

When I got home, there it was again.

I don't remember anything along the way.
I think I took a train to get home, but




Have you realized it now? You were
completely fooled by your fellow player
Fujisawa. This is the LIAR GAME.
In other words, a game where you lie.
There are 26 days remaining.

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here are 26 days remaining.

At last,

I came to grasp that my teacher had lied to me...

And so,
Well I'm not sure how much I cried.
I cried all night, and all next day.
I was full of sorrow and self pity.
I cried out loud, without considering how annoying it might have been to my neighbors.
I have to get it back.
No matter what, that 100 mil ...
I have to get it back.
A scam artist would be the best person to turn to.
When it comes to scams,
!
But ...
Just what should I do?

TERUO TANIMURA
Attorney's Office
Hello?
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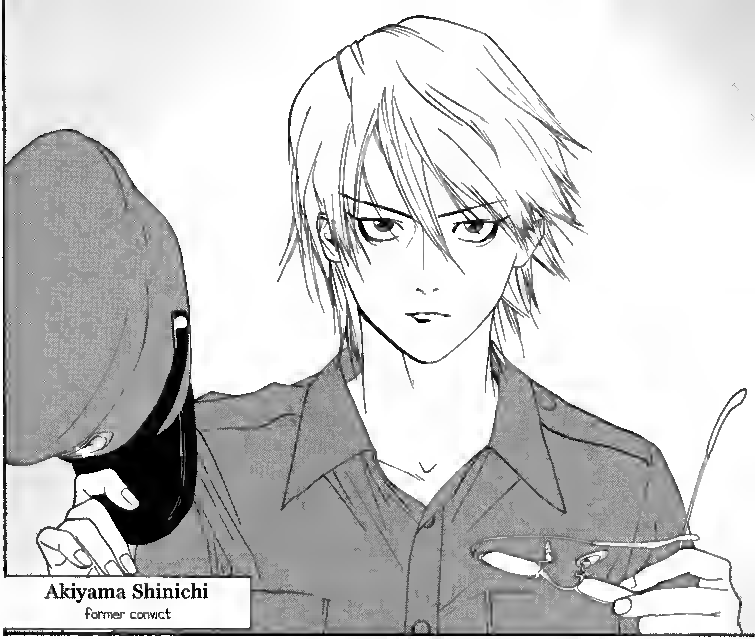
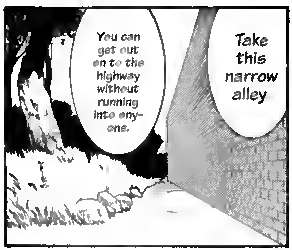
プルルル
what do I need to do?
In order to meet a scam artist,
Ah, Ms. Nao Kanzaki. You're the one I consulted some time ago.
...so what is it?
There's no way to meet a con man!!
What a strange thing to ask!!
HUUH!?
Know him? The man who tricked one of the largest post-war MLM corporations, the Shuei Trading Co., and drove it to bankruptcy. That Akiyama.
Shinichi Akiyama ...
Akiyama ...
But, if it was a former con artist, that might be possible.
The so-called "genius swindler" Shinichi Akiyama is getting out of prison in just two days.
Do you really think there's a scam artist who'd say "Yes I'm a con man"?
They're a con because you don't know they are one!

seriously plans on asking a con man for help in a scam?
Ah— Don't tell me that kid
Thank you very much!!
What was that!?
That's him!
Here it is!!
I planned on asking his help.
Three years since the Akiyama case
Genius swindler destroys massive multi-level marketing co. using their own methods
Shinichi Akiyama to be released the day after tomorrow
Con artist takes largest sum of money in Japanese criminal history
completely serious.
I was

Akiyama's coming out!
It's almost time.
He's here!
That's him?
Uh— No.
That's some other convict

could you please leave?
Hey, all you reporters,
No, that was someone else...
Huh?
heh heh
Didn't he just leave?
Aki-yama?
Where is Mr. Aki-yama?
Ex-cuse me, but
a master of disguise!
Akiyama is
Damnit !!
He tricked us!
!!
We can still catch him!!
After him!


Akiyama Shinichi
former convict


Take this narrow alley
You can get out on to the highway without running into anyone.

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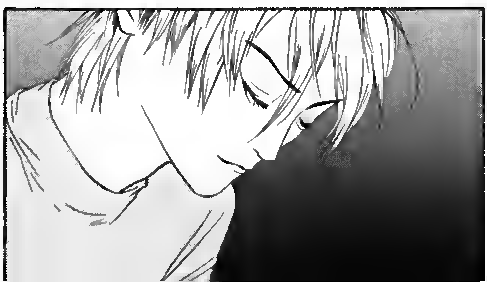
Good job getting rid of those reporters.
ha ha ha



Don't ever come back, ya hear?

What a cold guy as usual
If only he talked just a little more
he might be able to lighten up
Aah~ which way is it...
What a time to get lost!!
Where should I be heading!?
Where is the prison!?
EEK!!

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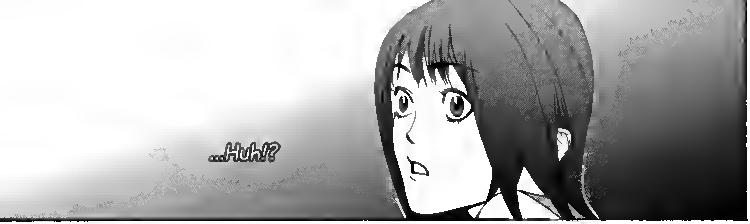
are you hurt anywhere?
Um.
I... I'm sorry!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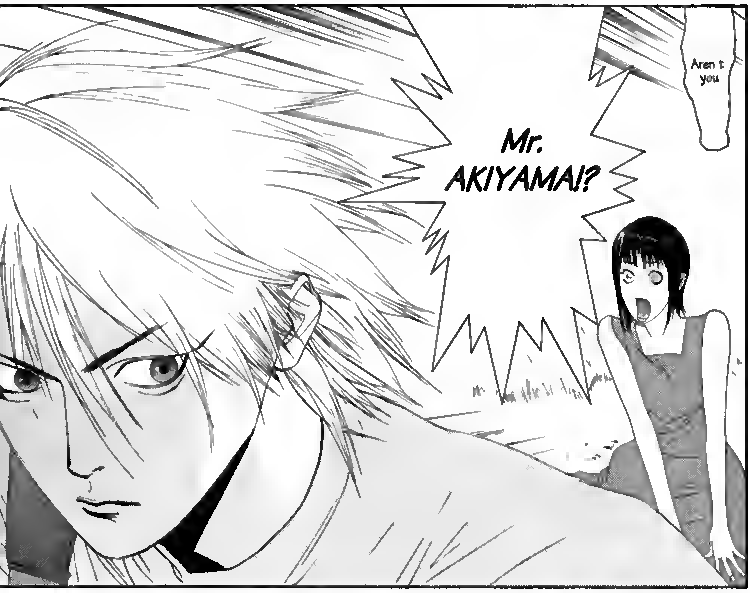
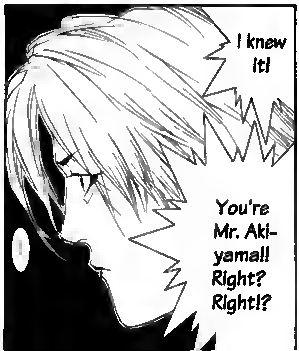

Aren't you
Mr. AKIYAMA!?

You have the wrong person.
WAIT!!

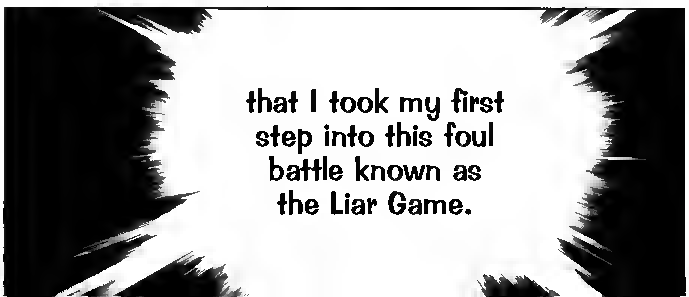

I knew it!
You're Mr. Akiyama!! Right? Right!?

PLEASE!!
SAVE ME!!

what?

I had resolved
to entrust him ... the genius con artist with my fate.

It was at the very moment,
... Yes ...


that I took my first step into this foul battle known as the Liar Game.

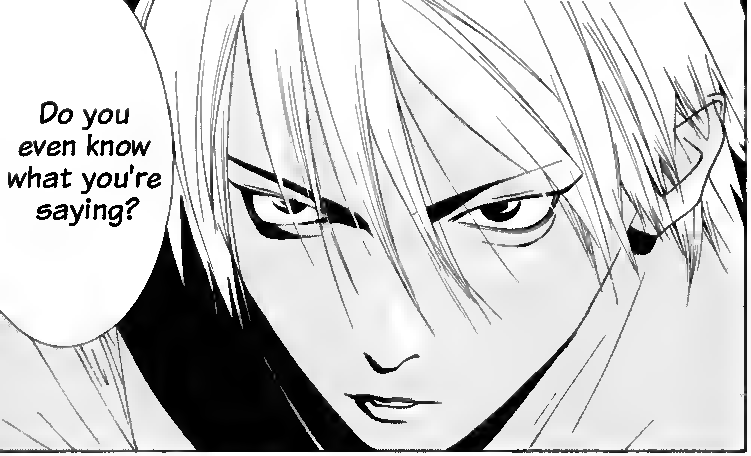
TO BE CONTINUED

SAVE ME!!
Mr. Aki-yama,
I need...
Chapter 2
I...
I...
I was betrayed by someone I trusted ...
and lost 100 million yen!!

Chapter 2
Flaw

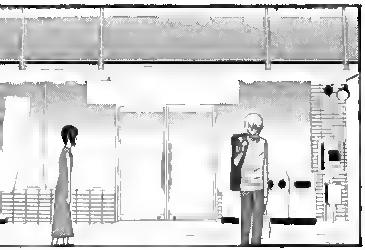
WAIT A MINUTE!!
Wai-
!!
You have to help me!! Please!
Please don't leave me!
you might have your own problems, but-
I know

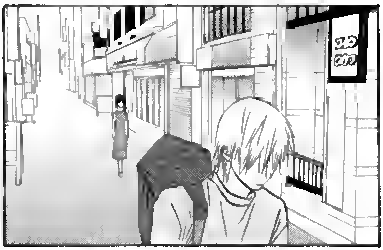
won't solve a thing.
Telling me your problems
I can't do that!!
Go to the police or get a lawyer
I have to do myself!
This is some-thing that
I need your genius to get back that 100 milllion!!
Three years ago, you trailed a giant multi-group corperation and tricked them into bankruptcy.
I know all about what you did...

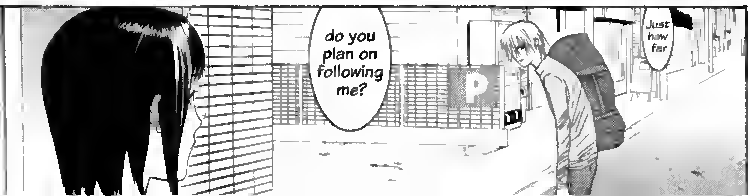

Do you even know what you're saying?

No
I- I mean
You're telling me to commit another crime.
If I do steal back the money you were tricked out of, that makes me a thief.

Even so, you're telling me to get back the 100 million you lost.
I'm a criminal who was just released from prison.






do you plan on following me?
Just how far

Until you listen to my story, Mr. Akiyama...
Please!
I won't ask you to get back my money.
At the very least, I just want you to hear me out.
I got it.
If that's all, I'll listen.
...!!
REALLY !!?
Well, I have to go drop this stuff off at my place, so
just wait over there.
Don't move an inch, got it?
OKAY!

That got rid of her.
Heh
Mr. Akiyama is really late...
Five hours later
Two hours later
One hour later
That's it. Yeah, that has to be it.
Ah--I see. He was just released, so he must be exhausted. As soon as he got home he must have gone straight to bed.
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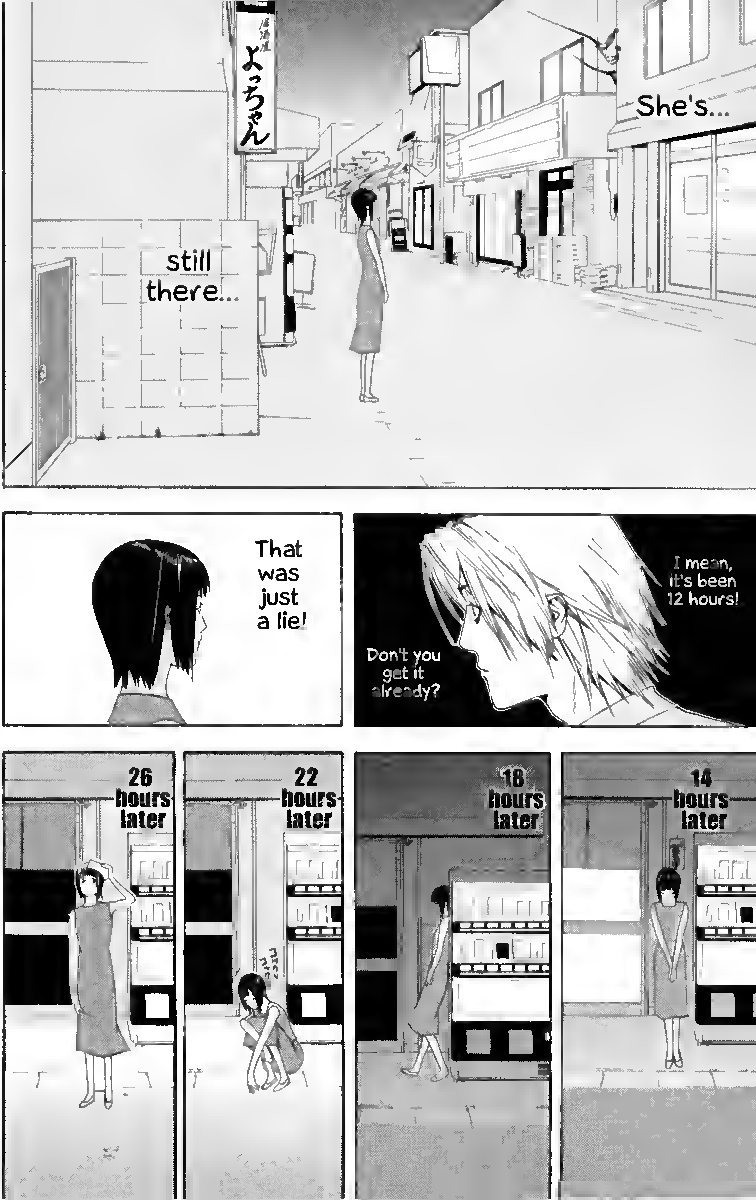
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She's...
still there...
That was just a lie!
I mean, it's been 12 hours!
Don't you get it already?
26 hours later
22 hours later
18 hours later
14 hours later

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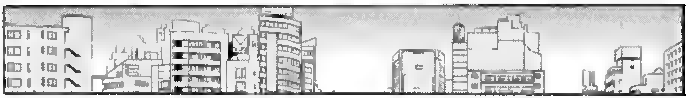
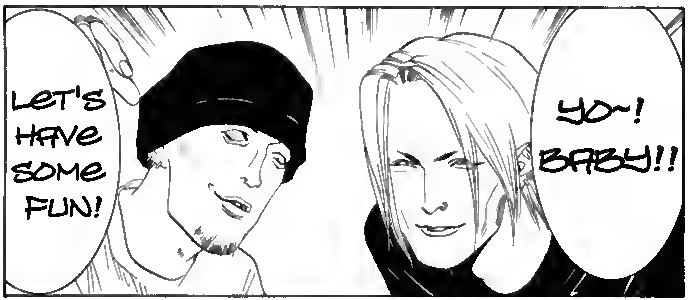
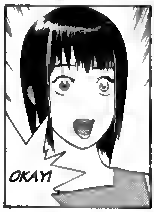
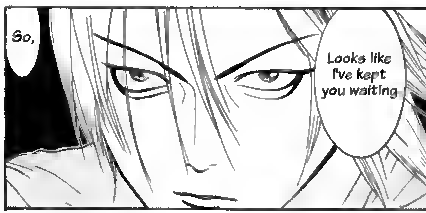



LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!
YO~! BABY!!

Mr. Aki-ya-ma!!
STOP--!!
Is that you're looking for a man who'll treat you right!
But the real reason
I'm waiting for someone.
I'm sorry but I--
Yeah, I know You've been standing here since yesterday


OKAY!

shall we go?


So,
Looks like I've kept you waiting

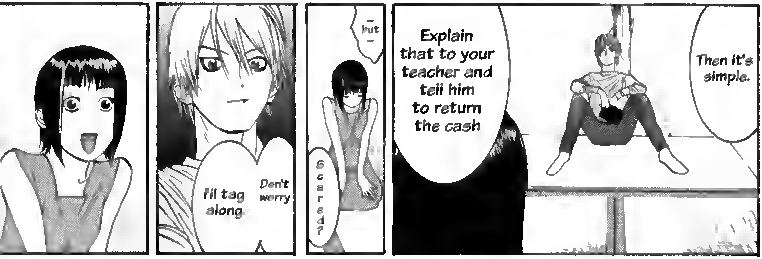
crunch crunch
munch munch

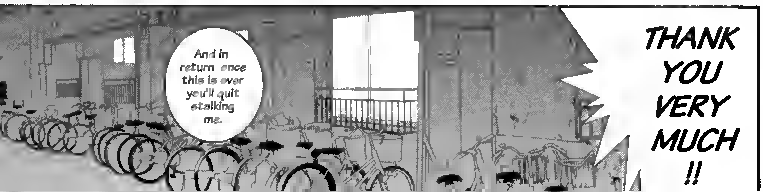
I didn't eat anything since I was waiting...
...ah...
Quite an appetite.
.....
you said not to move an inch.
But ...
You'd die.
Argh—— ...Why?
Eh...?
What did you say?
that they've been tricked.
after two or three hours
they'd realize
Normally
Anyone would figure it out!
It's because you're so friggin' honest that you're easy to fool!

really such a bad thing?
Is being honest
Okay!
The thing about your money.
Let's hear it...
...But!
This is really hard to believe...
Every-thing I've told you is true!!
Hey..
LIAR GAME?

So?
What is it you plan on doing?
Win the game?
Or
quit the game?

I want to quit!!
If I can at least return my share, that's plenty!

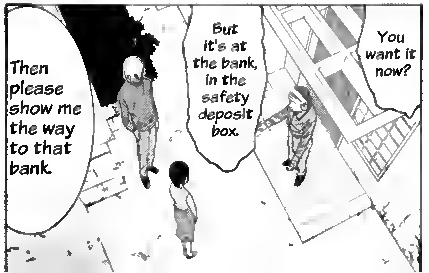

Then it's simple.
Explain that to your teacher and tell him to return the cash
—but—
Don't worry
I'll tag along


THANK YOU VERY MUCH !!
And in return once this is over you'll quit stalking me.

Sir..
And this is?
huh?

Oh, Kanzaki!
!?

My 100 million yen.
Could you please return it to me?


Then please show me the way to that bank.
But it's at the bank, in the safety deposit box.
You want it now?

Wh-what happened, all of a sudden?
eh!?

Besides, it's a problem of security. You must be accompanied by a bank attendant to access the box, you see?
Listen, neighborhood banks have limited hours. From Monday to Friday they're open 9-5, and we can only access the safety deposit box during business hours.
Well... that's a problem.
It's already after 7.
Sir,
I'm not sure what happened, but it would be best to leave the box alone until the end of the ga--
Well, looking at it this way, I suppose keeping something safe has its disadvantages.
...
I overheard you.
You were talking with someone over the phone.

Something about fooling your student out of 100 million.
Let's get down to business.
I don't know what that could have been -
- uh...
This kid's 100 million.
Will you return it? Or not?

W--
If you haven't returned it by tomorrow, we'll turn you over to the police.
Wait a minute!!
hah hah hah
Isn't it written in the rules? No matter if money was lost or taken, it wouldn't be considered a crime!
Isn't this just a game?
Why call the police!?
"Just a game" ...?
You admitted it.
ha ha ha
you tricked her out of 100 million yen.
In other words,
Everything you've done was with the belief that this was a game all along.
!!

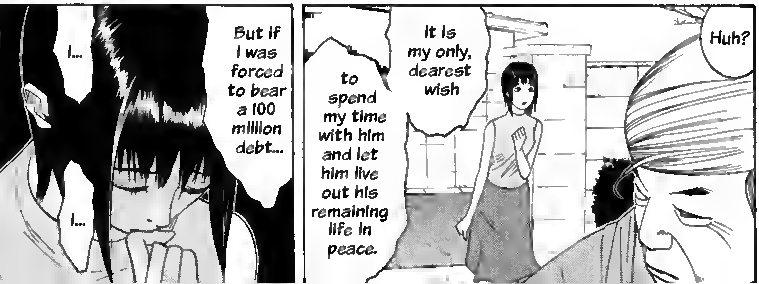
Yes, that's right!
HA---
HAHA!
So what!?
I tricked you!
There's no way I could do something like that!
Hmm, I wonder about that..
she might have come after mine!
!!
If I hadn't stolen her cash,
I mean, this is just a game, after all.
But you can't blame me.

People can't be trusted.
At the school where I used to work, I was in charge of arranging field trips
The school had made it a custom to do business with a specific travel agency
When I was put in charge, I received a very small kickback as collateral.
But one day those travel idiots told me they couldn't pay the collateral
So I said "I guess I'll just have to take my business elsewhere."
So what do you think those jerks did then?
The very next year, they went to the Board of Education, making up some story about me demanding collateral from them.
Then what happened?
A bunch of teachers that I never got along with took advantage of this and squealed to the Board about things that were only half-true!

I was fired.
And in no time
My wife and kids only saw me as a burden the moment I quit.
That's not all!!!
You had to retire from teaching?
How awful...
"A husband who doesn't earn a living has no merit," she said.
Finally, she said "Let's get a divorce."
You're just making a fool of yourself by trusting them!
That's what people are!

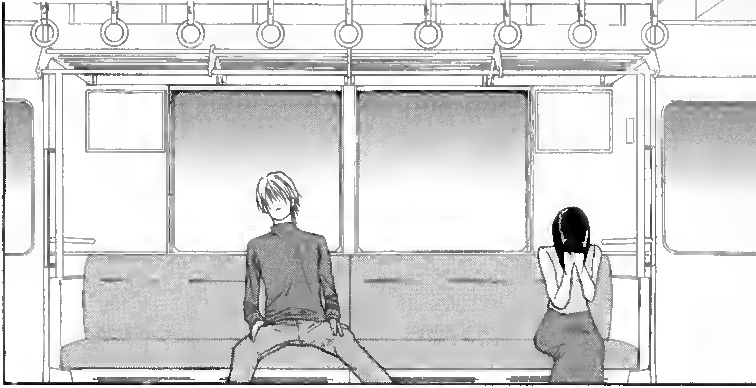
I made it by some-how or ano-ther.
I only had enough money to buy food.
And then this LIAR GAME appeared.
I was saved! I thought, "There must be a god!"
That's why I will win this game.
Even if it's at your expense!
No!

Please help me, sir!
I know you must be suffering, but I have problems, too!
My father is suffering from terminal cancer!


Huh?
It is my only, dearest wish
to spend my time with him and let him live out his remaining life in peace.
But if I was forced to bear a 100 million debt...
I...
I...

Like I care !!
I don't know your father
and couldn't care less about anyone else!
I don't believe it...
Mr Fujisawa,
you were such a good teacher...

You see,
I was just playing the part.
I was always this way
It's always been about me first.
If you get it, then scram!
If you have time to come here and complain, then you'd better go home and start thinking of some way to pay back the 100 million.
After all, you're a female college student With your body alone, I'm sure you'll be able to manage something.
GA-HA HA HA

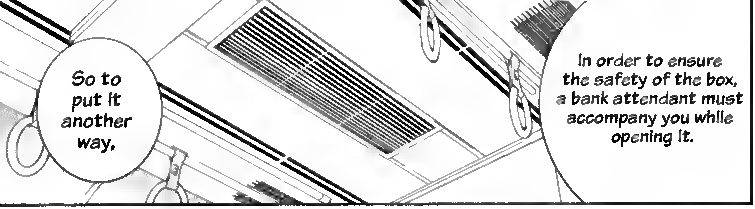


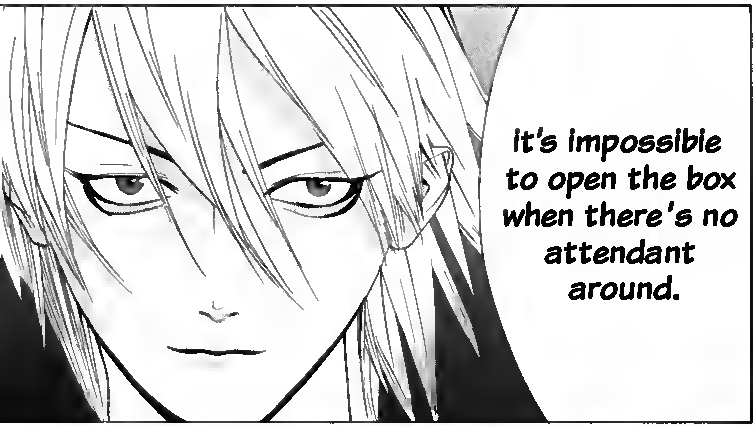
Man,
hard to believe that he was a former teacher.
Well,
money does change people.
I've seen
people like that over and over.

Stop crying,
it won't change anything.
..B-but -

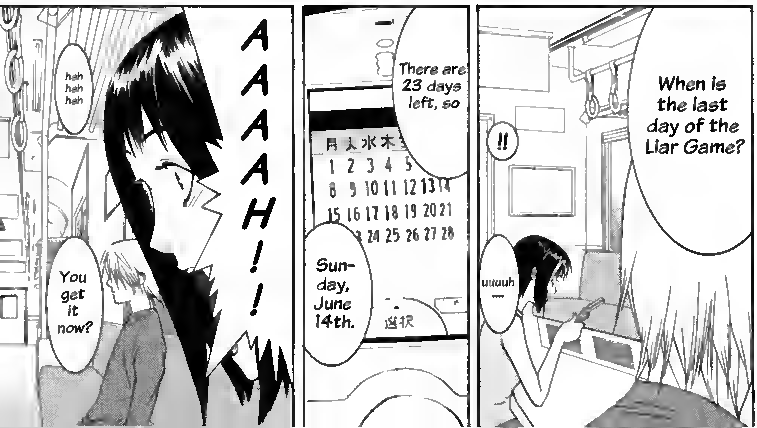
I...
I've been put into debt by my most trusted teacher.
A hundred million...
A hundred million is too much...
!?
It hasn't yet been decided that you have to take on that debt.
...please... don't try to console me...
It's already certain who's won this game...
The MONEY in that safety deposit box is perfectly secured.
No matter what method there's no way to get it back.

You're wrong.
You're right
In thinking that a safety deposit box is like an impregnable defense, but
!?
How ironic...
Mr. Fujisawa gave away the flaw in his own words.
he made a big mistake.
It's impossible for a complete stranger to take the contents.
And when the box is opened, a bank attendant has to accompany you just as he said.
Exactly!
There's a flaw?
...?
...I don't understand.


So to put it another way,
In order to ensure the safety of the box, a bank attendant must accompany you while opening it.


It's impossible to open the box when there's no attendant around.

Tell me..
...?
...?


AAAAH!!
hah hah hah
You get it now?
There are 23 days left, so
Sunday, June 14th.
When is the last day of the Liar Game?
!!
uuuuh

The game's over on a Sunday.
On that most important day, he can't open the safety deposit box.
...which means that...
he will have to take the money out by 5:00 pm Friday... and that means...
two days before the deadline ...
the money will be out of the box!
Yup.
It's too soon to give up.
Yesss!!
But ...
...

Just because the money is out,
doesn't mean it's going to be easy to take.
heh heh heh
No worries.
I have the per---fect plan.
Eh!!!
You mean it!?
Ah...
..?
Could this mean...
You're going to help me out!!

But Fujisawa admitted that this was just a game to him.
If it had meant being an accomplice to a crime, I wouldn't have had any part of it.
If it's just a game...
and if you're prepared to take Fujisawa's 100 million too, then
I don't mind lending you a hand.
...
Then it's a done deal
I am
prepared.

I'll take a part as my reward.
But my price is high.

Got it?
So if we take 100 million, I get 50.

Please lend me a hand !!
Thank you very much!!
Keep your voice down, you idiot!!

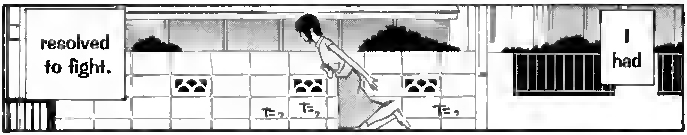
TO BE CONTINUED

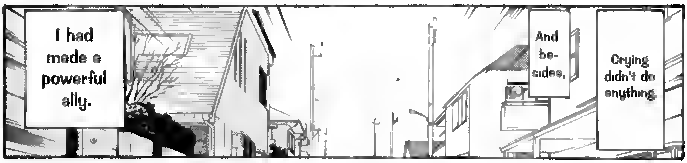
Um...
Sir,
I came
to declare war.
!?
I am going to play for real!
And ...

about your 200 million yen--
I will take every last one!!

Chapter 3
Declaration of War

...
Huh—?

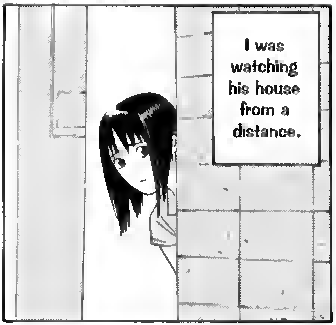

I had
resolved to fight.

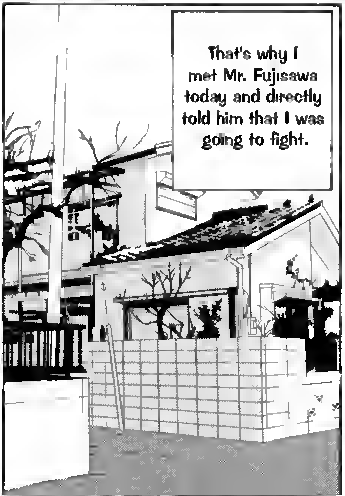

Crying didn't do anything.
And besides,
I had made a powerful ally.

"I've got a plan."
The genius swindler who once drove an enormous multi-group corporation to bankruptcy
spoke those words with complete confidence.

It's simple, really.
What's your plan?
Plan!?
There are only two things we have to do
With just those,
we can get back the MONEY.
First,
...
make it clear to your enemy that you've decided to fight in this game.

keep a close watch on the enemy at all times.
And second,
That's all.
Correct.
All of it?
your plan?
That's -


I was watching his house from a distance.


That's why I met Mr. Fujisawa today and directly told him that I was going to fight.

really allow me to get the 200 million?
But will doing just this

The rest was Mr. Akiyama's.
Mine was from 3:00 pm to 12:00 am
By taking shifts, Mr. Akiyama and I were keeping a 24-hour surveillance on his house.

Is just watching really enough?
Um...
Anything happen?
Nn...
Time to switch.
Yo, good work.

You bet.
...I really wonder about that....
I just came to tell you that I've decided to participate in the Liar Game as Ms. Kanzaki's right-hand man.
Mar-nin!
!
You're

I'm looking forward to this game.
And that I'm going to take your 200 million yen for sure.
Yeah.
You're going to steal it?
Hmph
aha ha ha...
Ha
I can say that...
because I've got such a GREAT plan.

!?
There's a really suspicious person who keeps hanging around my house!
Is this the po-lice?
Hello!?

The pollce!?
Oh no!!
!!
ブォォ
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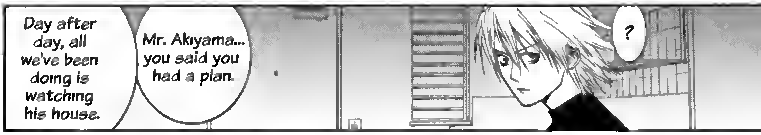
The cops came?
Aha ha ha ha!

The deal was that we have to clean it up.
I rented that empty house across from him for a month.
Well, I knew it would eventually come to that.
Sorry, sorry.
It's nothing to laugh about!
Starting tomorrow, we can keep an eye on him without worrying about being chased by cops.
Huh?
At first I thought you were scary, but...
you made it possible for me to go visit my dad by taking the lookout hours during the day,
and now you've got a place for us to stay
Mr. Akiyama,
you're a pretty good person.
What changed your decision to cooperate with me, Mr. Akiyama?

It's all for the cash!
Didn't we already agree?
And even if I tried to work, just about no one would hire me, an ex-con.
We're in a recession.
Uh-huh.
Money?
Just for that?
I guess so. So it was money after all, huh...
Isn't this the best job? Earning 50 mil in a little under a month.
If we get the 200 mil from this Liar Game, then I'll take 50.
Geez. Where in the world is his confidence coming from, anyway?
But that's only if we can get the MONEY

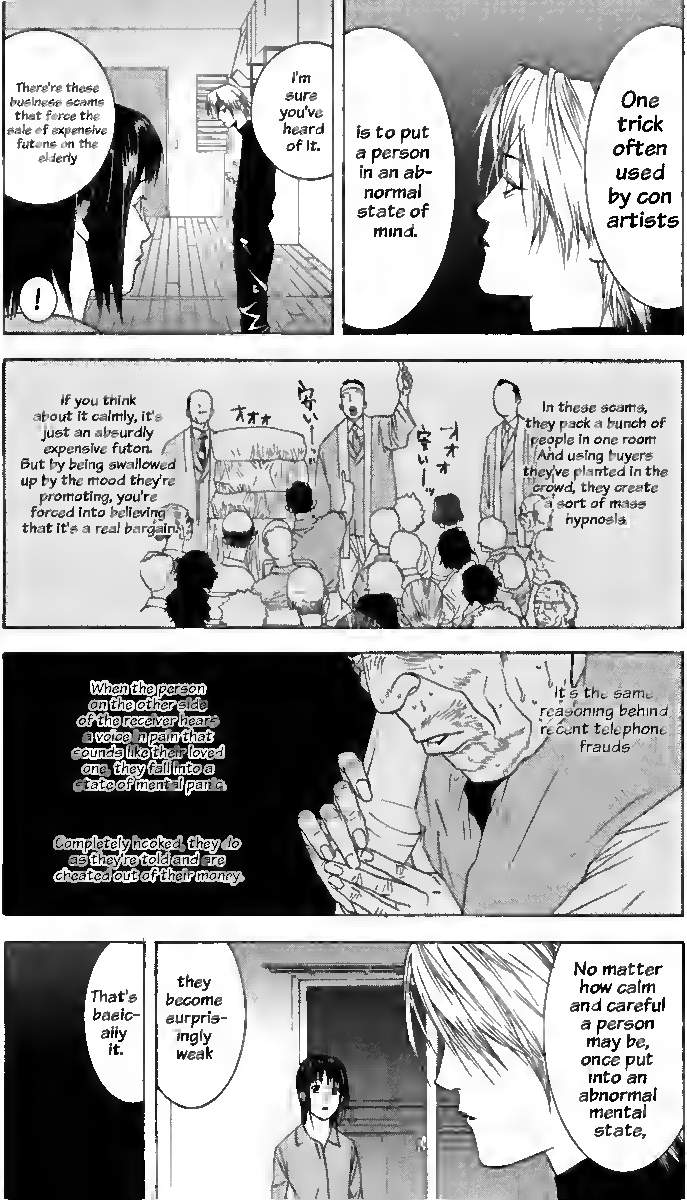
What was the point in continuing this surveillance? I had absolutely no idea.
But to be honest ...
And so, one week had passed since we took action.
gradually grew anxious.
I...
To me, it looked like we had made little progress.
No,
not really
Have you discovered anything?
Good work.
When we started, he was going out to the pachinko parlor, supermarket, and so on...
But these last few days, he hasn't come out at all. He's just stayed in his room all this time.
Are you sure about that?
... Yeah ...
It's my turn.
Excuse me,
Hm, so that's what's happened.
I see.

Could you please explain to me
why we've been doing all of this?


Day after day, all we've been doing is watching his house.
Mr. Akiyama... you said you had a plan.
?

don't see any meaning to what we're doing.
To be frank, I

...Hmm.
Mean-ing-less?


There're these business scams that force the sale of expensive futons on the elderly
I'm sure you've heard of it.
!
is to put a person in an abnormal state of mind.
One trick often used by con artists
If you think about it calmly, it's just an absurdly expensive futon. But by being swallowed up by the mood they're promoting, you're forced into believing that it's a real bargain.
オオオ
"ナイ!"
"ナイ!"
In these scams, they pack a bunch of people in one room And using buyers they've planted in the crowd, they create a sort of mass hypnosis
When the person on the other side of the receiver hears a voice in pain that sounds like their loved one, they fall into a state of mental panic.
Completely hooked, they do as they're told and are cheated out of their money
It's the same reasoning behind recent telephone frauds
That's basically it.
they become surprisingly weak
No matter how calm and careful a person may be, once put into an abnormal mental state,

What we're doing now
is working to drive Fujisawa psychologically into a corner.

Think about it from his perspective...
!!

he's being watched 24 hours a day.
And, while having absolutely no idea what this plan is,

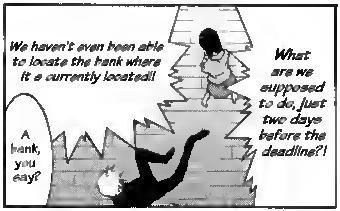
I announced that I had a plan to take his 200 million.
You announced to him that you would definitely win this game.

Well?

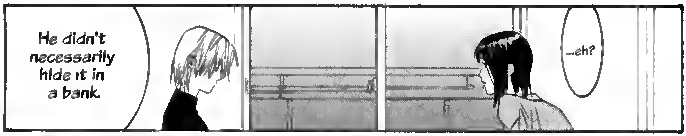
Take a peek...
He's thinking the same question.
As you so aptly asked, "Just how can we steal 200 million this way?"
No, they can't!
There's no way they can.
My plan is perfect!
Just how do they plan to steal 200 million yen?
"I'll win the game..."
What's with them?
How's it look?

He's clearly
lost his senses.
heh heh heh
Fujisawa is under some intense psychological pressure.
!
That's all it took!
By doing nothing but watching him for 24 hours!
I understand how you're saying that he's cornered.
Right now,
he's in a state of mind that should make him extremely easy to trick.
...but...

How are you going to steal the 200 million!?
How do you plan on fooling him!?


We haven't even been able to locate the bank where it's currently located!
What are we supposed to do, just two days before the deadline?!
A bank, you say?

Even if we can fool him, there's no way to fool the bank!
Isn't the cash in the safety deposit box?


He didn't necessarily hide it in a bank.
...eh?

If my hunch is right ...
?
It has given away Fujisawa's secret.
As proof of that,
This 24-hour surveillance wasn't a waste of time.
heh heh heh

The 200 million yen
is inside his house!
!?

Fujisawa didn't necessarily hide his money in the bank.
!!
If my hunch is right,
the location of the 200 million...
Chapter 4
Intimidating the enemy!
is right inside his house.

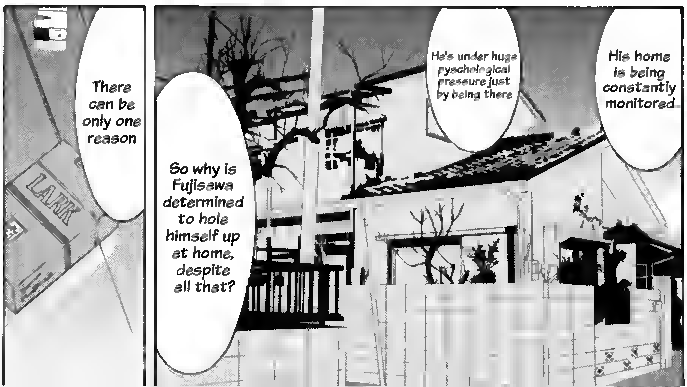
Chapter 4
Intimidating the enemy

heh heh heh
Is that true !?
Is--
WHA!!
All the while, your enemy is desperately seeking a chance to steal it, so he's keeping a 24-hour surveillance on your home.
Let's just say for a moment that you had the 200 million. You went to the bank and stored it in your safety deposit box.
Look, I'll show you
What would you do?
Why?
Well, isn't it obvious?
as soon as pos-sible.
I'd run away from home

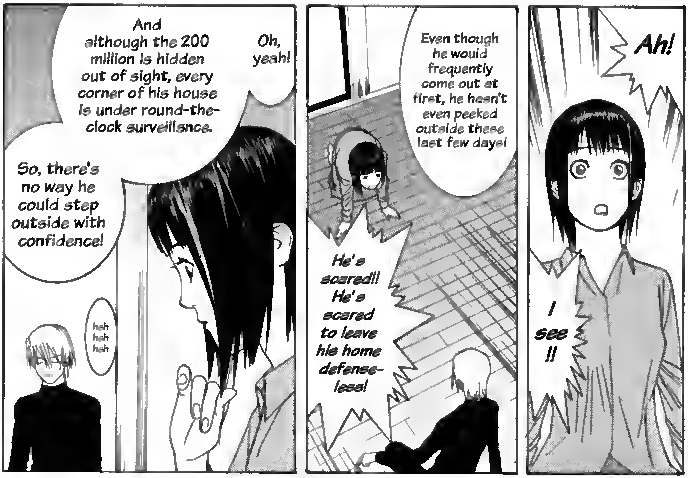
I think it would be unbearably stressful.
It's a terrible feeling being watched every second, regardless of why.
What if you didn't hide it at the bank, but rather in the bushes somewhere?
So, because it's at the bank, it's safe... Hmm.
Uh-huh.
I'd want to protect my confidence and my will to fight until the end of the game.
At the very least, since the money's in a safety deposit box, there's no danger
I mean, you never know if the enemy will figure it out and dig it up!
Or if some complete stranger just finds it by accident and runs off with it!
So, if that's the case—
I'd have to get to somewhere that I could see the hiding place at all times!!
Uwah--!
Then all the more reason I wouldn't stay at home!!
Oou-

...
don't you think it's strange that Fujisawa has been cooped up at home?

...Ah!
...


There can be only one reason
LAWN
So why is Fujisawa determined to hole himself up at home, despite all that?
He's under huge psychological pressure just by being there
His home is being constantly monitored

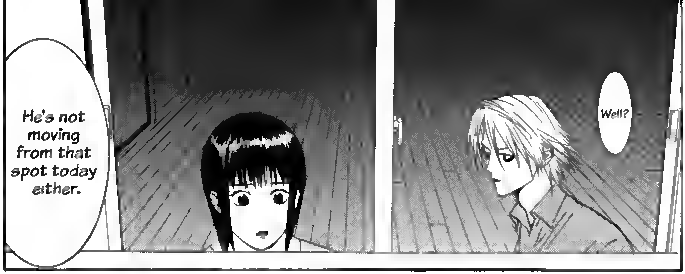
Because the 200 million yen is hidden somewhere in his house, he has no other option.


Ah!
I see !!
Even though he would frequently come out at first, he hasn't even peeked outside these last few days!
He's scared!! He's scared to leave his home defenseless!
Oh, yeah!
And although the 200 million is hidden out of sight, every corner of his house is under round-the-clock surveillance.
So, there's no way he could step outside with confidence!
huh huh huh

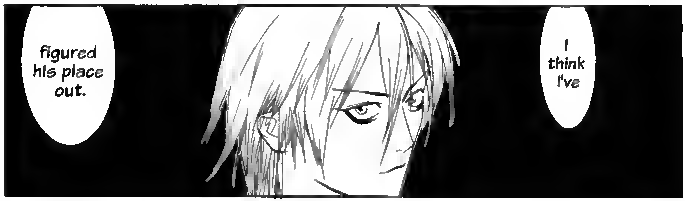
And sudden-ly,
Roger!
it felt as if victory was right within reach.
We'll continue keeping close watch to put him under even greater pressure,
along with a We know you've got the money in your house kind of look on our faces.

16 days left until the end of the Game.

Despite being within his home, he moved around less and less.
At least from the outside it looked like Mr Fujisawa's fatigue and anxiety had grown
Was our pressure working?
As expected, Fujisawa didn't try to take even a single step outside his home.


He's not moving from that spot today either.
Well?

hmm


figured his place out.
I think I've

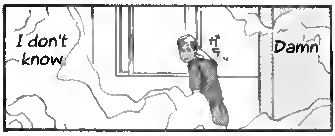
1F
closet
room
Mr Fujisawa
kitchen
A map of Fujisawa's house
(Akiyama's guess)
room
closet
room
room
2F

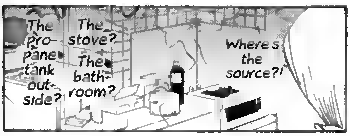
Oh yeah, it isn't necessarily all in one place.
There are at least five possible places he could have split it up between
Let me see.
The cash is hidden somewhere inside here.
NOTHING!
EH?!
Nuh-uh!!
Did something happen?
What's going on?
Oh no what if he hid it 10 000 yen at a time? He could have hid it in like what 20 000 places?
Nah, that would be too many places to remember
I must win this game.
For father's sake, too.

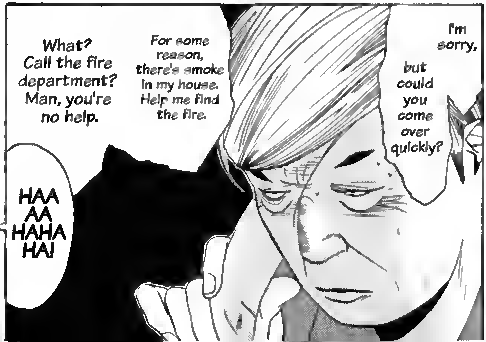
10 days left until the end of the Game.

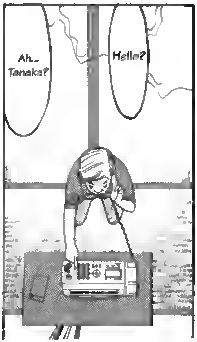
Something smells of smoke.
!?
What- what is this smoke?!
!!?

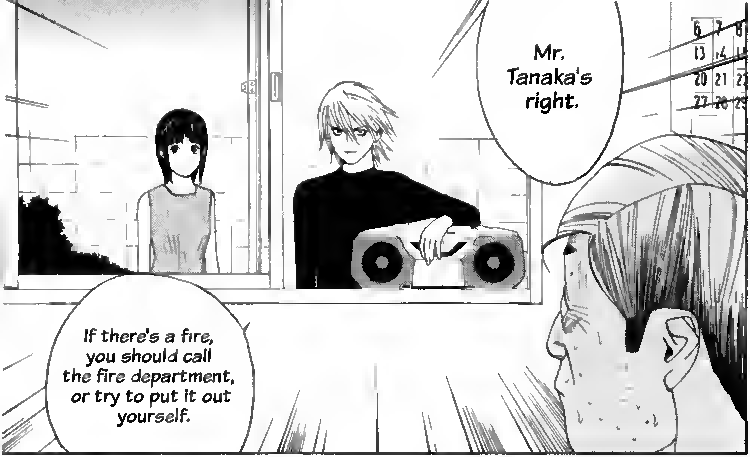
A FIRE !!?
What is it??
What is it??

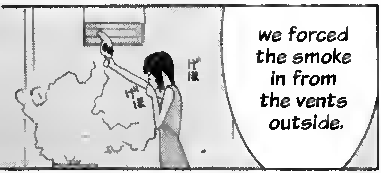

I don't know
Damn

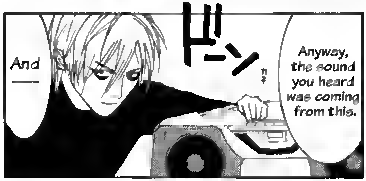

The propane tank outside?
The stove?
The bathroom?
Where's the source?!

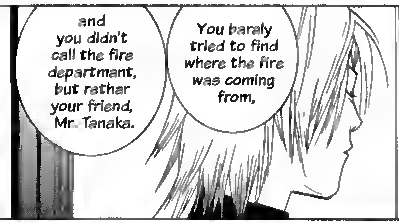

What? Call the fire department? Man, you're no help.
For some reason, there's smoke in my house. Help me find the fire.
I'm sorry, but could you come over quickly?
HAA AA HAHA HA!


Ah... Tanaka?
Hello?

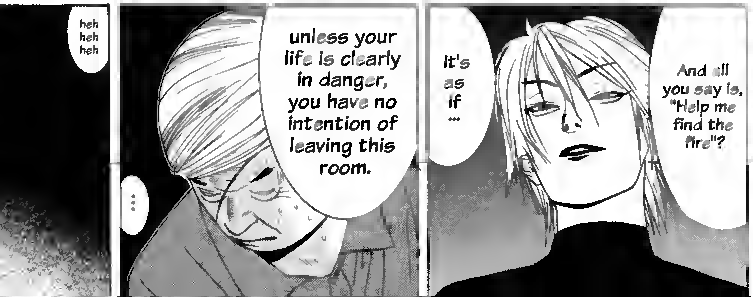

Mr. Tanaka's right.
If there's a fire, you should call the fire department, or try to put it out yourself.


we forced the smoke in from the vents outside.


And——
Anyway, the sound you heard was coming from this.

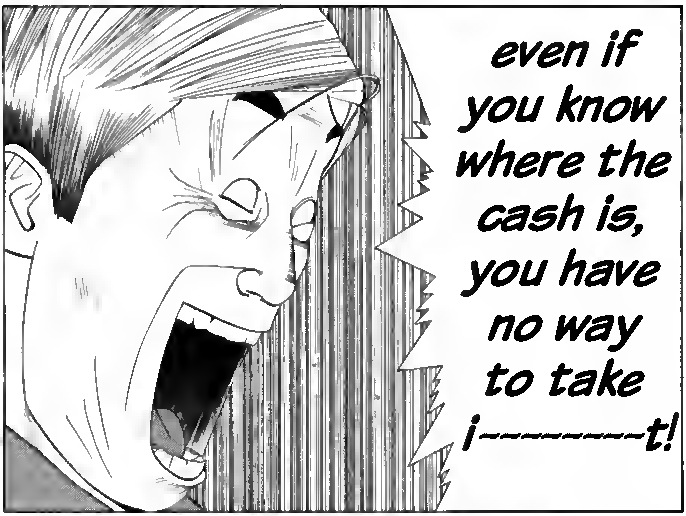

and you didn't call the fire department, but rather your friend, Mr. Tanaka.
You barely tried to find where the fire was coming from.

?
But I have to say, even though you really believed there was a fire, your actions are baffling.


heh heh heh
…
unless your life is clearly in danger, you have no intention of leaving this room.
It's as if…
And all you say is, "Help me find the fire"?

You've hidden the 200 million yen in this room, haven't you?
If you had hidden the bills in a different room you would've first ran to make sure they weren't burning
The problem was where.
I knew it was in your house from way before.
Wh-what are you...
The 200 million is right here.
It's just like you said.
You got me.

te he heh
That's because
ga ha ha ha
And why do you think I'd confess?
You confessed so soon.
--Ooo--


even if you know where the cash is, you have no way to take i--------t!

!!
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Feast yer eyes on this!

In short ...
And even if you tried to move it, it won't budge an inch.
This may be an old model, but it's very sturdy.
To crowbar it open, you'd have to pick the lock first.
the MONEY's inside here.
hah hah haah!
Thanks to your little trick, you've figured out
!!

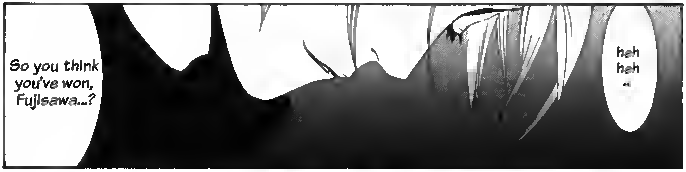
...this is as far as you'll get!!

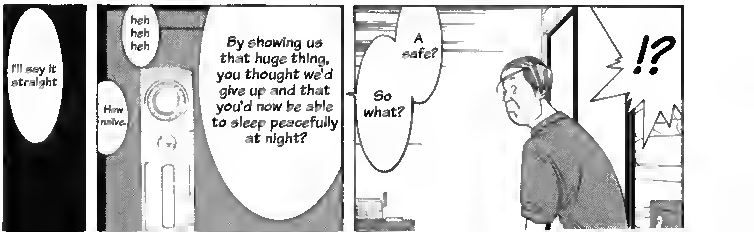
...No...
NO!!!

After making it this far...!

I'm sure you were happy to find where the cash is, but
THIS IS THE END!!
GA AA AA AA HA HA HA
YOU LOSE !!

Go think of some way to raise that 100 million you're gonna owe!
Since you get it, then knock off yer stupid stakeout! Get out of here!!
GAAAA AAA HAHA HAA


So you think you've won, Fujisawa...?
heh heh


I'll say it straight
Hmm
heh heh heh
By showing us that huge thing, you thought we'd give up and that you'd now be able to sleep peacefully at night?
A safe?
So what?
!?

Taking 200 million out of that safe is child's play for me.
!!
!!

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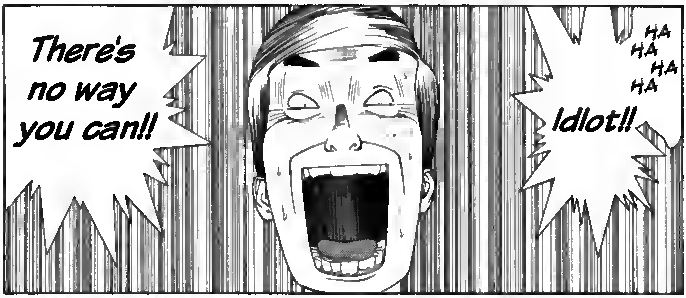
You're going to take the 200 million out of this safe!?
From this safe?
Huh?


There's no way you can!!
HA HA HA HA
Idiot!!

it can be done ...
I'm telling you
heh heh heh

extremely easily.
Chapter 5
Dissonance

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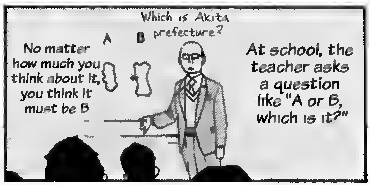
LIAR GAME

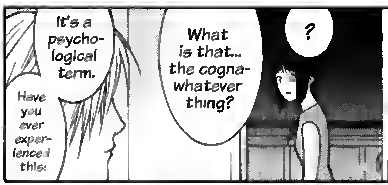
he must've thought we'd have to give up once he told us about the safe.
Cornered and questioned,

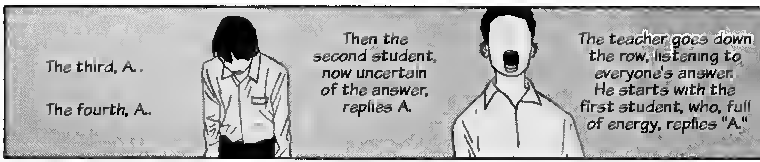
Look at him ...
Fujisawa's a mess.
heh heh heh

his anxiety just multiplied.
But because I didn't flinch at all,

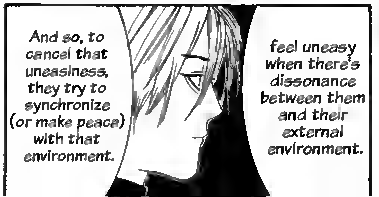
It's a picture-perfect example of cognitive dissonance.


Which is Akita prefecture?
A
B
No matter how much you think about it, you think it must be B
At school, the teacher asks a question like "A or B, which is it?"


It's a psycho-logical term.
Have you ever experienced this?
What is that... the cogna-whatever thing?
?


The third, A..
The fourth, A..
Then the second student, now uncertain of the answer, replies A.
The teacher goes down the row, listening to everyone's answer. He starts with the first student, who, full of energy, replies "A."

...despite how sure you were that B was correct.
is your answer.
A
Finally, your turn arrives, and for some reason...


And so, to cancel that uneasiness, they try to synchronize (or make peace) with that environment.
feel uneasy when there's dissonance between them and their external environment.

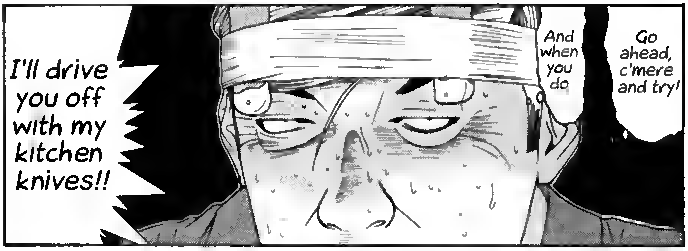
Humans, in general,
...I have.
Ah!

Fujisawa grew agitated and fell into a state of cognitive dissonance.
Thus he synchronized his thoughts with my confident appearance.
I went against his prediction right before his eyes, brimming with confidence.
However,
I'm sure that Fujisawa imagined our disappointment when he showed us the safe.
have some kind of trump card!
That man must really...
it was a lie
So you mean
Humans become weak after you've crushed their confidence, after all
heh heh heh...
In the end, things only turned out worse for him.
Just to corner him psycho-logically.
he he he
You don't believe in me, hmm?
It was all just a bluff...
that you had some way to steal the 200 million from the safe.

There's definitely a way to get the cash out of that safe.
It wasn't a bluff or a random comment.
...
But I can't tell you what it is just yet.
But for now
I did everything I could.
made victory feel like it was getting farther away.
Little by little, watching the opponent's disturbed appearance...
I had no choice but to believe him...

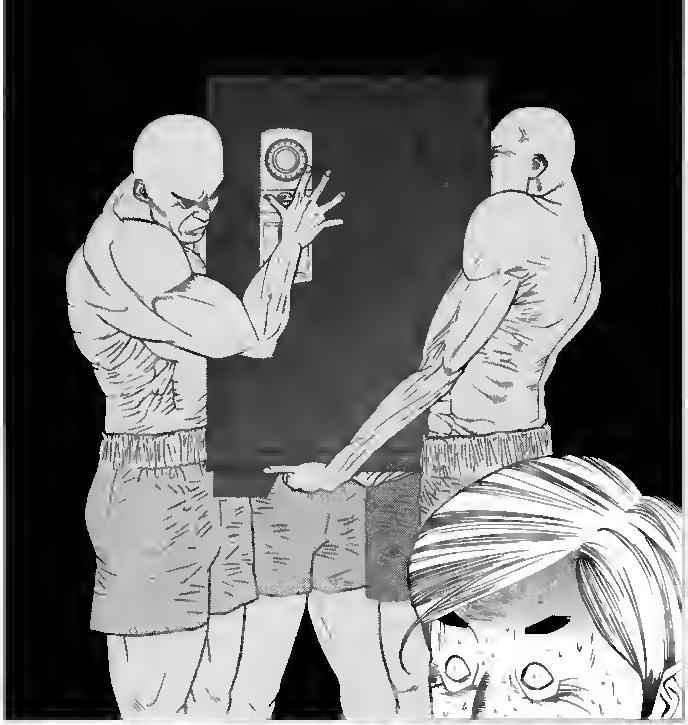
was reaching his limits.
There was no doubt that even my teacher
he'd show evidence that he was losing his mind.
Occasionally, by his bizarre actions,
Is the key that only I have
And that key
Aside from with brute force...
No matter how much I think about it it can't be opened!
Even if he knew the combination, this safe can't be opened by just the dial.
You need the key!
...No... that's hardly possible.
There's no way he could know!
He's figured out this safe's combination!?
Don't tell me he's ...
How??
How can this safe be opened!?

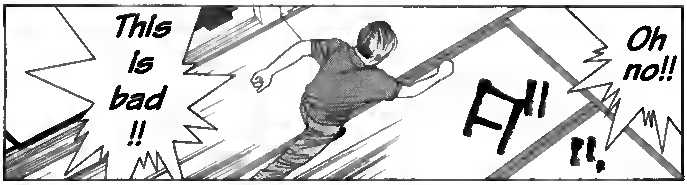
He plans to open it by force !?
!!
Wait, could he..
the only way is to burn off the door with a blowtorch
Let s see if I was thinking of a way to open it.. Yes..
There s no way to break a safe this sturdy!
Opening it by force...
He plans to weld off the door when I fall asleep
My good ness!
Think I'll let you ?!
!?
A BLOWTORCH !!
It IS pos- sible!!


I'll drive you off with my kitchen knives!!
And when you do
Go ahead, c'mere and try!

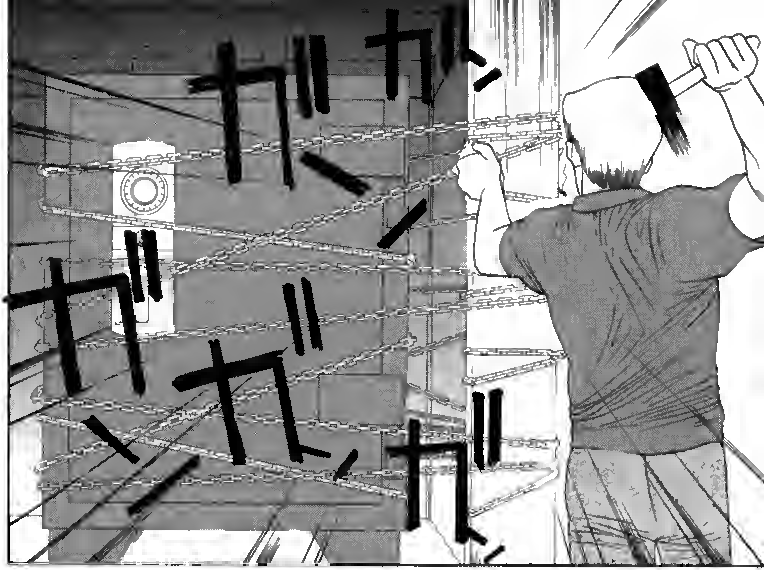
...
ha ha ha
What the heck's he doing?

If he's going to go that far...
Even with a really powerful blowtorch, it would still take 20-30 minutes to burn the door off.
Is he really planning to break the safe here?
Wait a min-ute.
That has to be it!!
He's going to carry it off and break it elsewhere ...
Who said he was alone?
!!
It's im-pos-sible to carry alone
This safe weighs 190 kilos *
No no it can't be done!
*418lbs




This is bad !!
Oh no!!
!!

He's getting ready to do something crazy again
ha ha ha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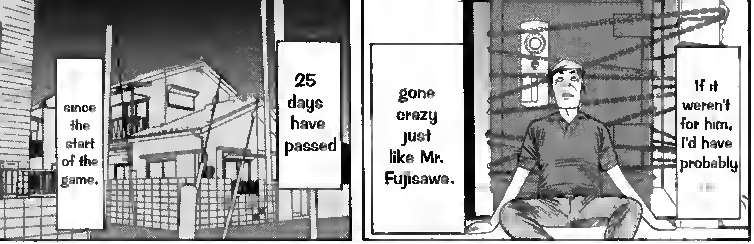
Not only did he superglue its legs to the floor, he's wrapping a chain around it and a nearby support beam...
He probably thinks a group of people will carry off the safe.

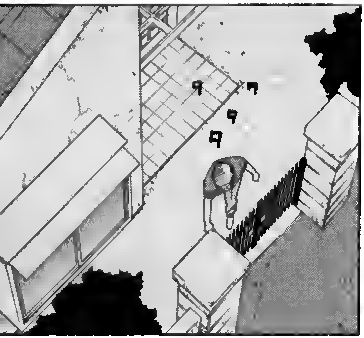
HA HA HA
What's that sound...?
?

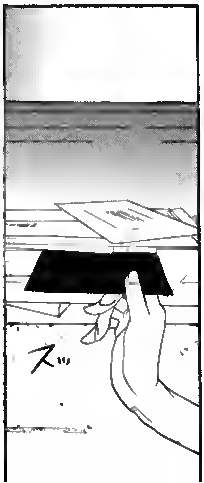
Seeing Mr. Akiyama's face so full of confidence saved me.

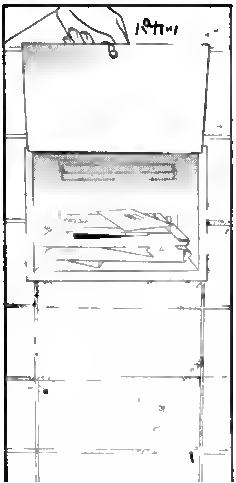
...He's just wasting his time.



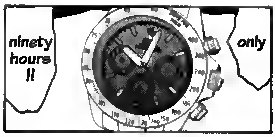
Only 4 days left until the end of the game...







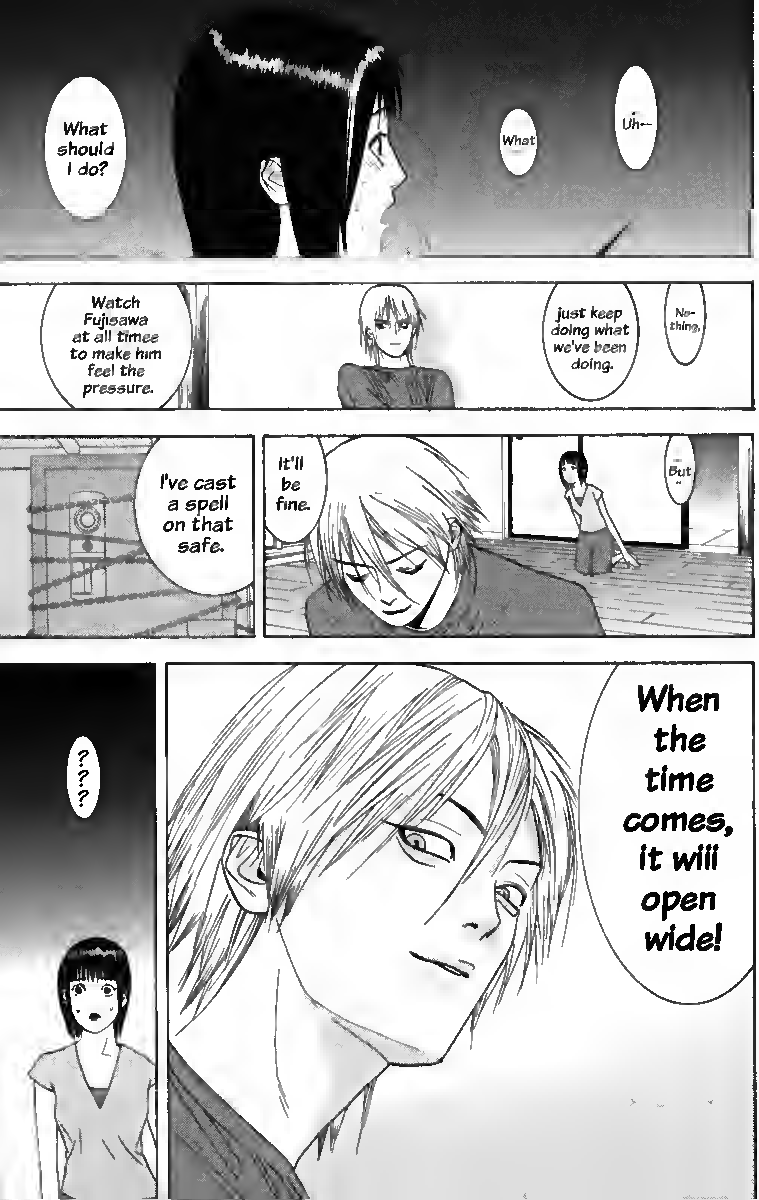
Only 4 days left until the end of the game.
Presently FUJISAWA KAZUO +100,000,000
KANZAKI NAO -100,000,000
On June 14th at 5:00 pm,
we will send someone to retrieve the money.
At that time, the game will end.

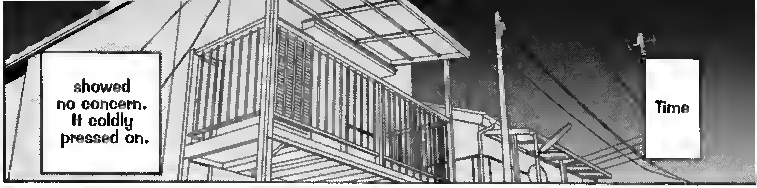

ninety hours !!
only

So that's ...
5:00 pm, in four days...

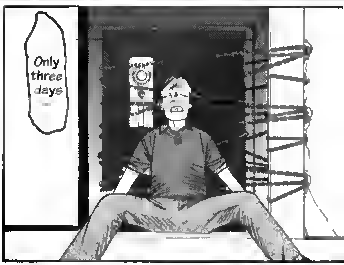
If I can hold out just another ninety hours, 100 million is mine!!
HEH... HEH...

5:00 pm
Only four days
Of course, I also received that notice at my place.

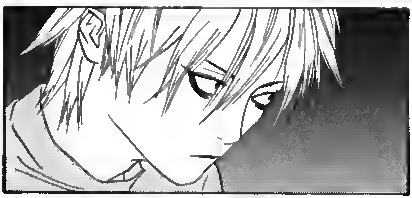

What should I do?
What ...
Uh--
Watch Fujisawa at all times to make him feel the pressure.
just keep doing what we've been doing.
Nothing.
I've cast a spell on that safe.
It'll be fine.
But ...
When the time comes, it will open wide!
?.?.?.

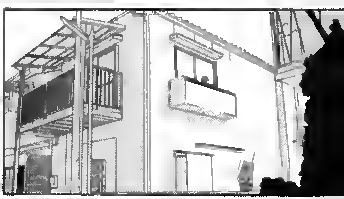


Only 3 days left until the end of the game.

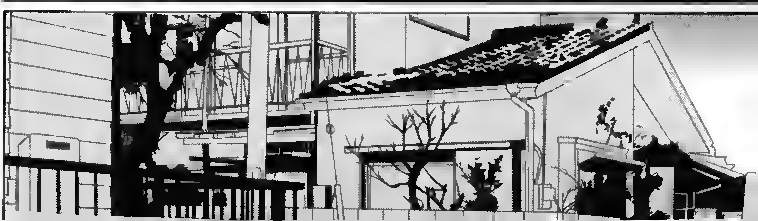


Only 2 days left until the end of the game.

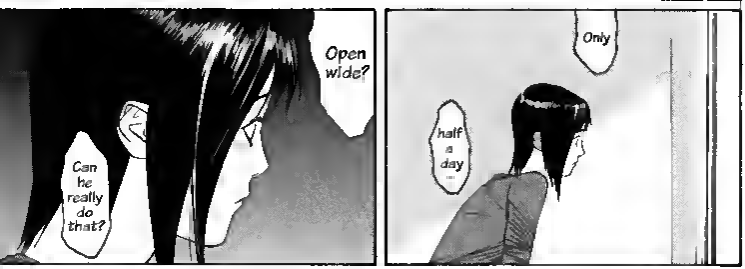




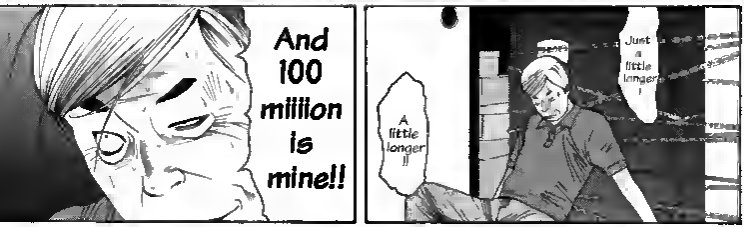
Only 23 hours left until the end of the game.

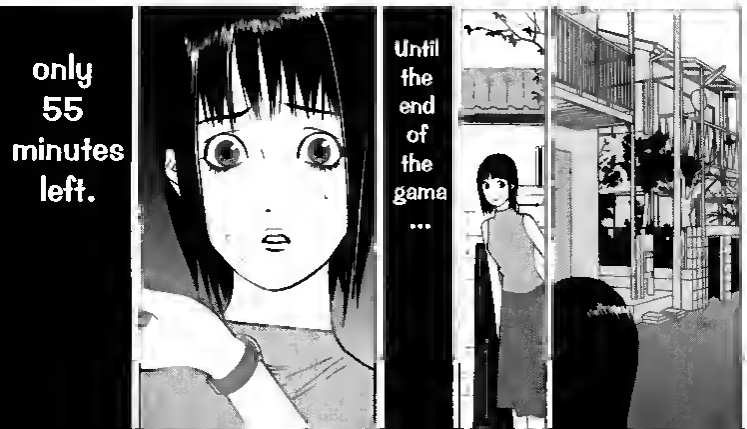


Only 15 hours left until the end of the game.



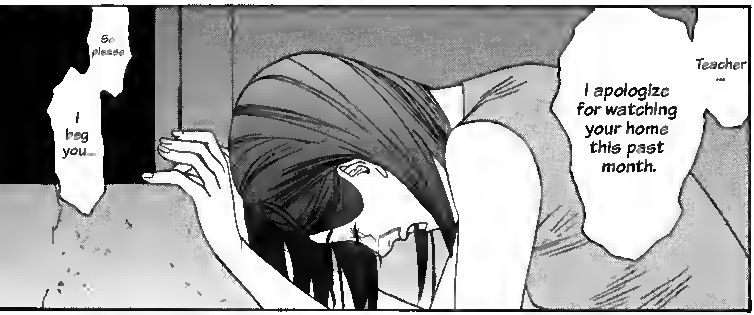
Only 5 hours left until the end of the game.

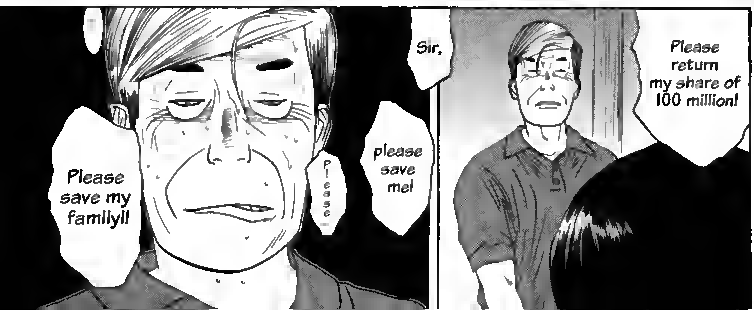




I'M GO-ING TO LOSE !!
At this rate ...
!!
Mr. Akiyama, save me!!
!- I don't know what to do!!
HAHA HAHA—— I KNEW IT!
Opening the safe? That was nothing more than a bluff!!

?!


So please
I beg you...
Teacher ...
I apologize for watching your home this past month.


Please save my family!!
Please
please save me!
Sir,
Please return my share of 100 million!

I DON'T CARE !!
KYA AAA AA!

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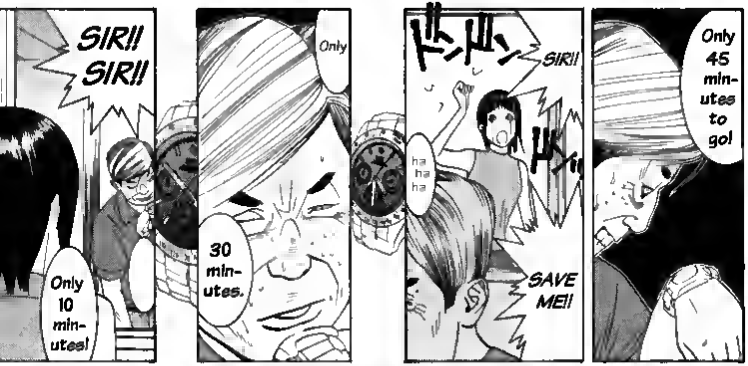
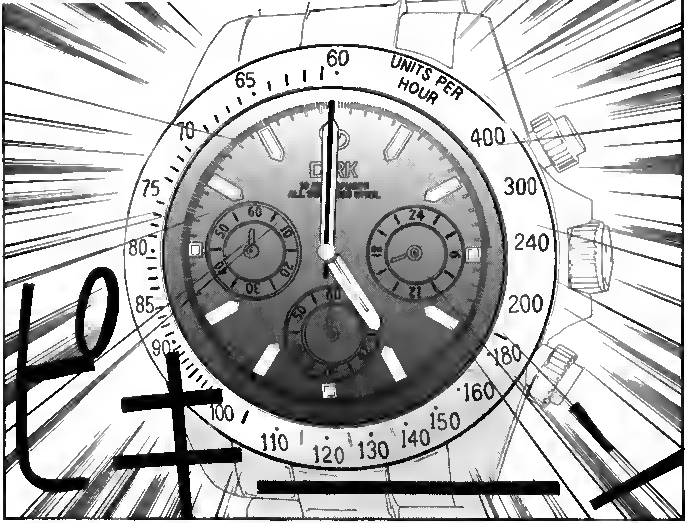
he he he
SIIIR !!
SIR!!


SIR!! SIR!!
Only 10 min-utes!
Only
30 min-utes.
SIR!!
ha ha ha
SAVE ME!!
Only 45 min-utes to go!

9... 8... 7... 6...
5... 4... 3...
ONLY ONE MIN-UTE!!
... Sir...
Sir ...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UNITS PER HOUR

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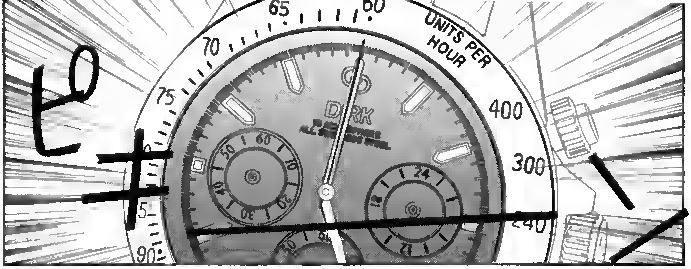
Chapter 6
The Conclusion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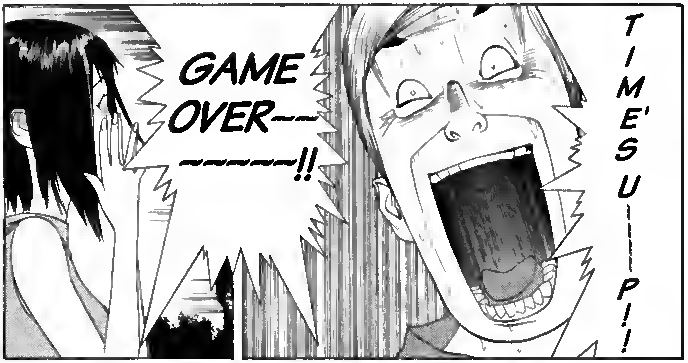
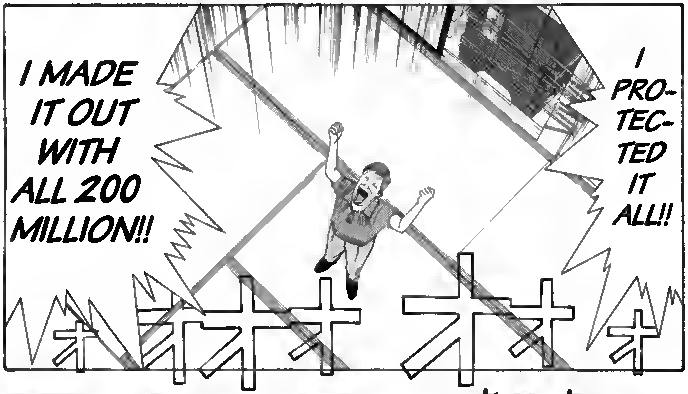

TIME'S UP!!
GAME OVER~~~~~~!!

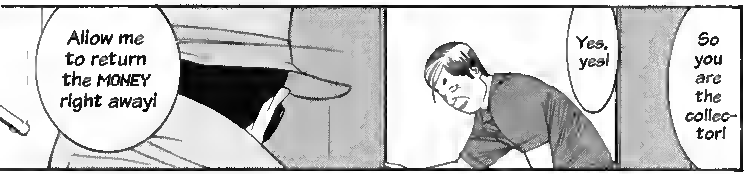

I MADE IT OUT WITH ALL 200 MILLION!!
I PRO-TEC-TED IT ALL!!

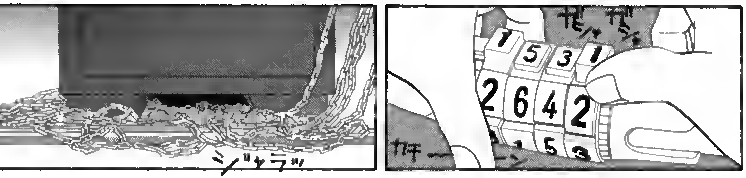
Who is it?
?
?
dingdong

...
Who're you?
My apologies for not introducing myself

I'm
a representative sent by the Liar Game offices

At this time, the Liar Game is officially over.
I have come to retrieve the MONEY.
OOOOH!!


So you are the collector!
Yes, yes!
Allow me to return the MONEY right away!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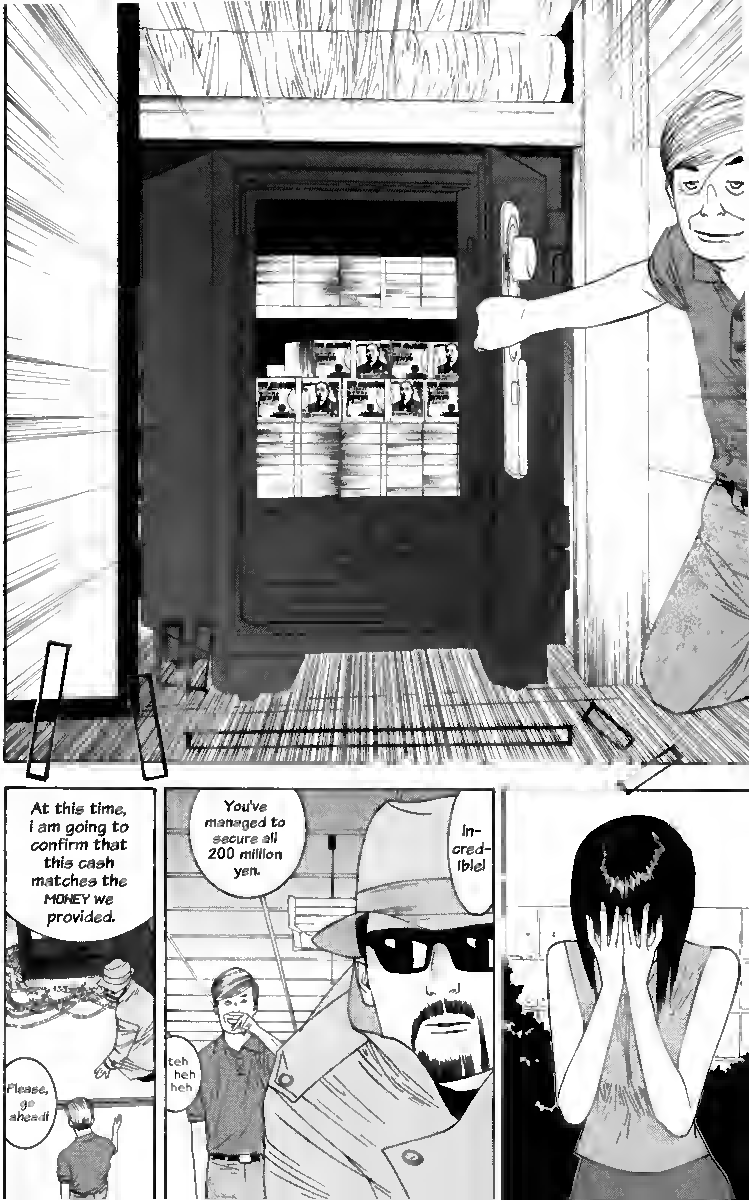
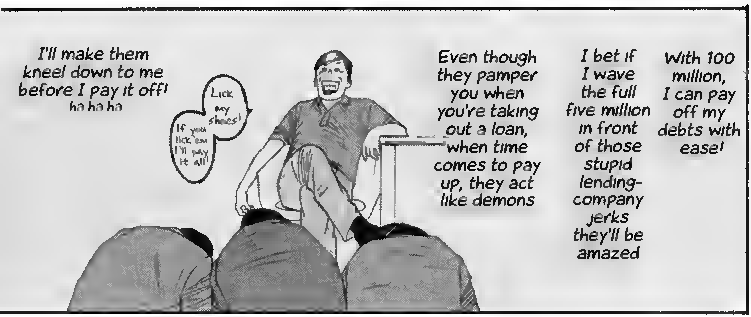
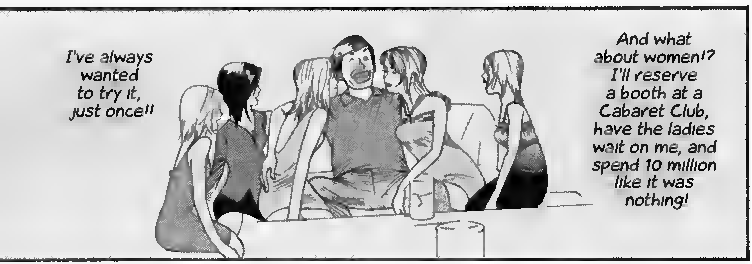

At this time, i am going to confirm that this cash matches the MONEY we provided.
Please, go ahead!
You've managed to secure all 200 million yen.
teh heh heh
In-cred-ible!

If all of this cash matches the MONEY we appropriated, then, indeed, as you were told at the game's start...
I will get 100 million yen from this, right?
Excuse me... I'd like to ask you something just to be sure ...
we will reclaim the 100 million given to you at the start ...
and the remaining 100 million will be yours to keep.
ハーハハハハ HOOOOOO!

A 100 mil!!
A 100 mil!
A 100 MIL-LION IS MINE !!!
heh heh heh
Uh are you fin-ished?
In total, there are 20,000 bills I have to confirm.
Please wait a while longer.
In just another ten minutes or so,
you will receive your 100 million.

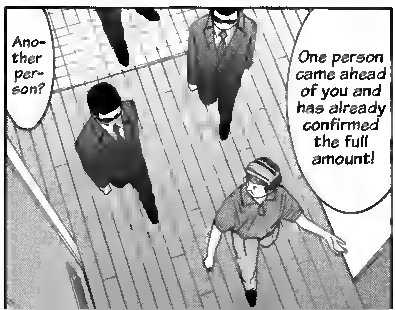
How should I spend it----?
hee hee hee
100 million... 100 million...


I'll make them kneel down to me before I pay it off! ha ha ha
Lick my shoes!
If you lick 'em I'll pay it all!
Even though they pamper you when you're taking out a loan, when time comes to pay up, they act like demons
I bet if I wave the full five million in front of those stupid lending-company jerks they'll be amazed
With 100 million, I can pay off my debts with ease!


I've always wanted to try it, just once!!
And what about women!? I'll reserve a booth at a Cabaret Club, have the ladies wait on me, and spend 10 million like it was nothing!

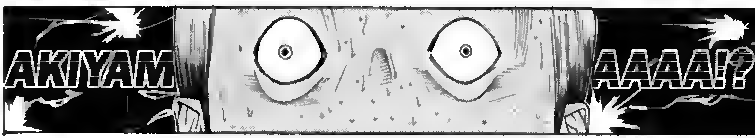
Who is it?
!?
ding dong

We're from the Liar Game offices.
The game has reached its deadline, so we have come to retrieve the MONEY.


Another person?
One person came ahead of you and has already confirmed the full amount!

Ah!
All of you guys, too?
Please, come in come in!

We three are the only ones assigned to retrieve the money.
That's odd.
HUH ?!
He was working to check the money too—
See? quit joking around!
Now, now..


AKIYAM
AAAA!?

W-wait just a m-minute!
W-
...
!!
...her!
...And so that means the 200 million belongs to—
Heh heh heh

you lose.
Fujisawa.
.....
heh heh heh
You tried hard,
but you screwed up in the end.
Those three are the real thing.
You did well, giving the 200 million to me -- the fake collector.
AAAAAAA
We'll be taking this.
^9
^9

YOUR WIN IS ILLEGAL!
NO! IT'S ILLE-GAL!
YOU COL-LECT-ORS!
YOU'RE AT FAULT HERE!
HE TOOK THE CASH AFTER THE GAME HAD ENDED!!
YOU KNOW I'M RIGHT!
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED !!!
IF YOU HAD GOTTEN HERE EXACTLY ON TIME

We arrived exactly on time at six o'clock, didn't we?
What are you talking about, sir?
Six o' clock?!
What?
LOOK AT THE CARD YOU SENT ME!
5:00 IS WRITTEN RIGHT HERE!!
IT'S NOT 6:00, IT'S 5:00!!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO GOT THE TIME WRONG, YOU IMBECILES!!
!?
You're mistaken, Fujisawa
ha ha ha ha

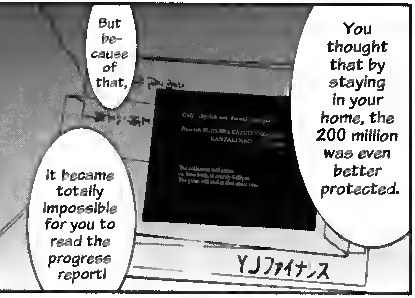
That card's a fake.
I sent it.

"The game will end at that exact time"... is what it says.
"The collectors will arrive on June 14th, at exactly 6:00pm.
It's right here!
The real one... Look...
One week ago, that is!
You got this card in your mailbox.
!!
For several days at a time, you wouldn't dare step out to check the mail.
And yet, you holed yourself up all day in this room.
heh heh heh
It was just your way of keeping me too anxious to leave the room.
When in reality that plan was just a fake-out!
In short -
and acting as if you had some sure-fire way to open my safe.
Keeping that constant surveil-lance...
that was your goal from the start?
You mean...

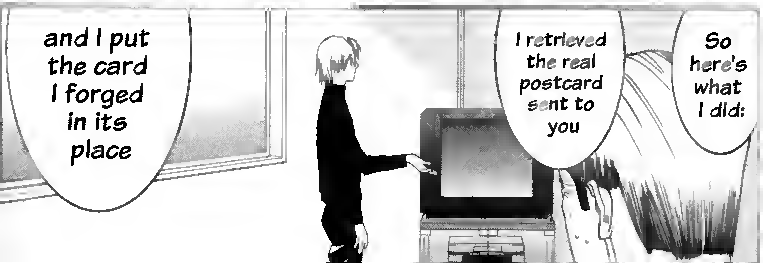
Forcing me to miss that report was your
trap.

At the time Nao explained this game to me,
I became intrigued by this system of reporting the game's progress on these emiley angel postcards.
I thought, "I can use this."
It's just as you said.
I never thought of using force to take back the MONEY.

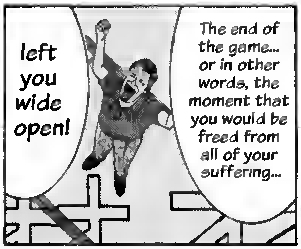
how could I trick you about the time of the collection?
My aim was this alone:

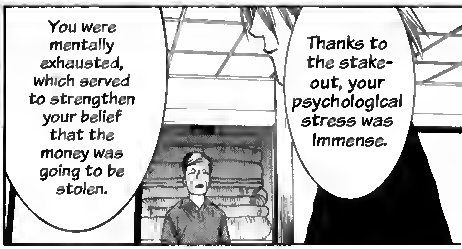

But because of that,
it became totally impossible for you to read the progress report!
You thought that by staying in your home, the 200 million was even better protected.
YJファイナンス

Scared to death by my bluff, you wouldn't leave your room for anything.
Everything went according to plan.


and I put the card I forged in its place
I retrieved the real postcard sent to you
So here's what I did:

having changed the deadline by one hour!

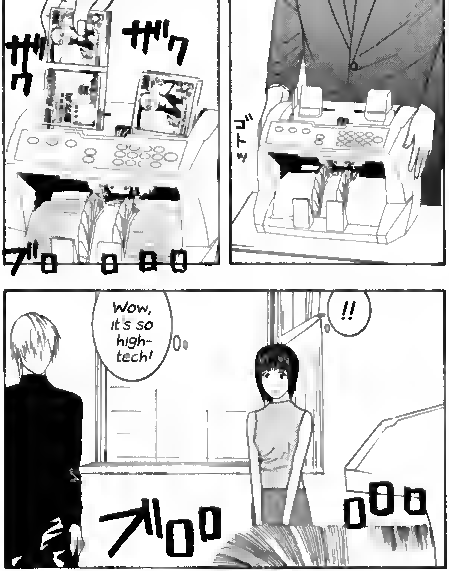

left you wide open!
The end of the game... or in other words, the moment that you would be freed from all of your suffering...


You were mentally exhausted, which served to strengthen your belief that the money was going to be stolen.
Thanks to the stake-out, your psychological stress was immense.

And thus...
You never even doubted the collector or the postcard!

at the very last moment, you lost.

AH—
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA
AAA


Wow, it's so high-tech!
!!
Well, then, we will begin confirming the MONEY.
That was lightning-fast!!
This is the full 200 million yen we loaned from the start.
Con-firmation complete.
is your prize to keep.
since we have retrieved your 100 million,
Just as was told to you from the outset,
the remain-ing sum ..

So, Mr. Akiyama, your share is fifty million...
Yeah.
I won!
I won.
...Thanks.
stealing the 200 million like that!
That was really clever.

he he he
That's only cuz you know about the real one now
To first fool me, your ally, is kinda...
Looking again at the phony you sent to me, it's suspicious
The deadline's been changed
But since you were going to do that, don't you think you could've told me beforehand?
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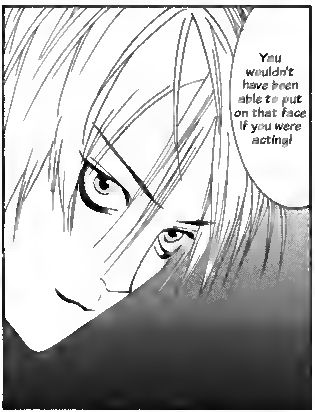
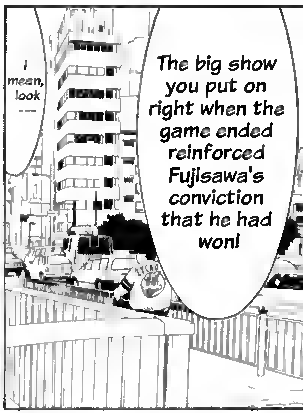
ぶっぶっ

That's
- kinda true -


You wouldn't have been able to put on that face if you were acting!


I mean, look ---
The big show you put on right when the game ended reinforced Fujisawa's conviction that he had won!

there's something I'd like to ask you.
Oh yeah..

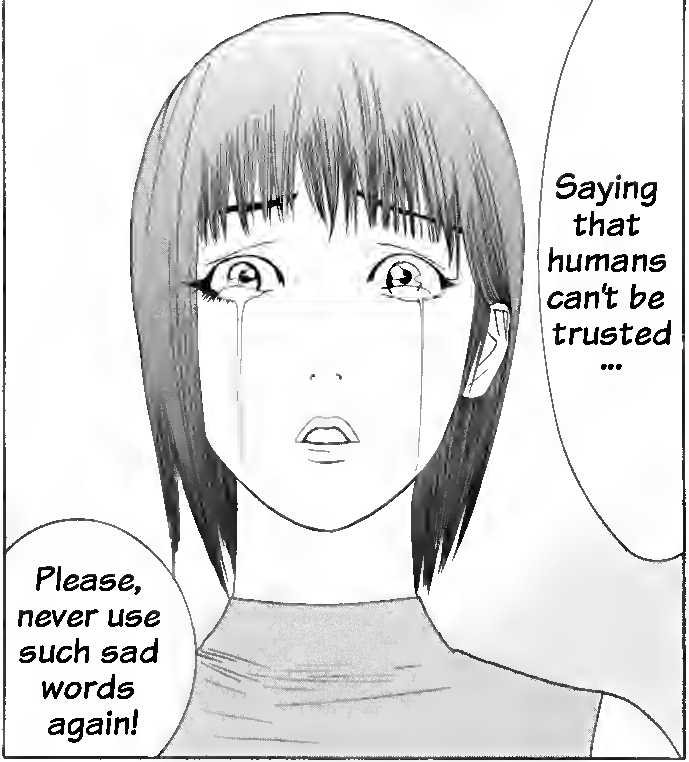
What will Mr. Fujisawa do now?

He could even be sold on the black market, given how suspicious this organization is.
Even if it takes the rest of his life, he's gotta pay back the cash
Can't forget about that 100 mil debt
Dumm..

is pitch black.
Well, whatever happens, from here on that guy's future

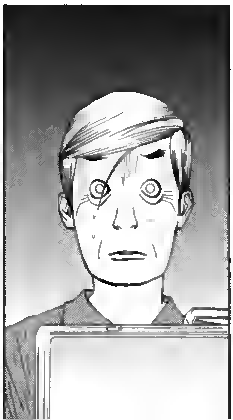
Hey where are you going?
?

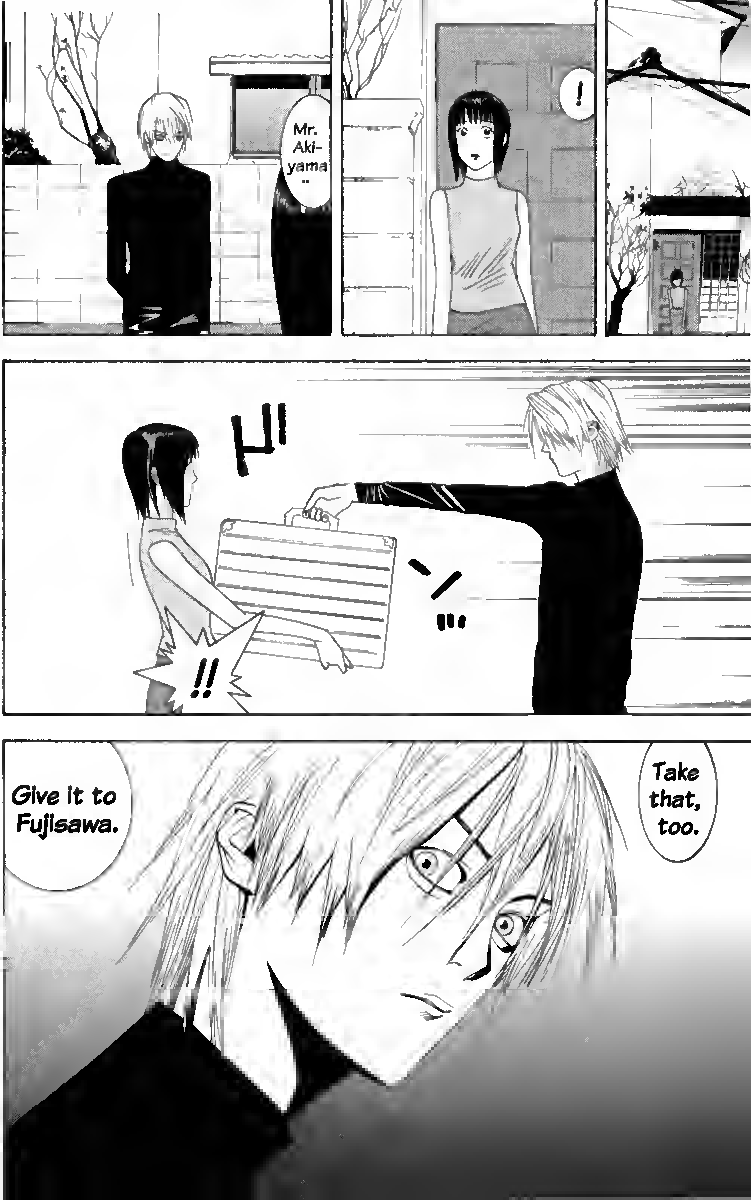
コンコン
KAN-ZAKI !!
!!
!?
ズ…
ガラ…
What do you want now!?
Here is 50 million yen.
It's the share I got from this game.
You...
Please use all of it!
Although it can only cover half your debt...
Please,
make me a promise!


Saying that humans can't be trusted ...
Please, never use such sad words again!

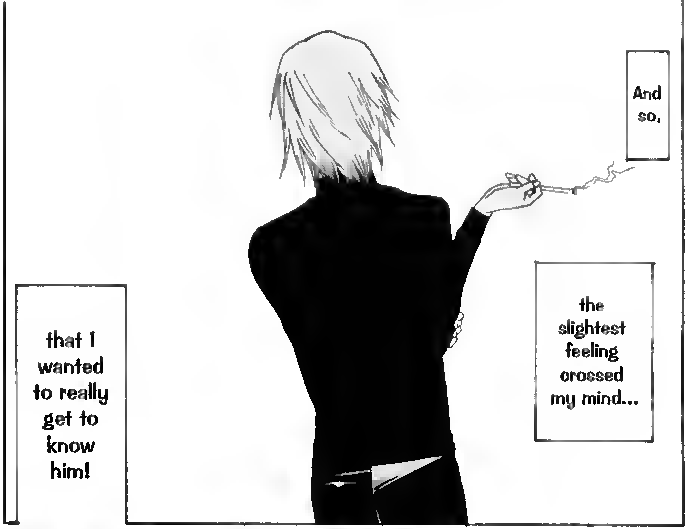
I pro-mise.

...
... Yes ...




Mr. Aki-yama ..
!
!!
Give it to Fujisawa.
Take that, too.

In other words —
We'd split the reward evenly.
I pro-mised, didn't I?
But this is your 50 million ...
!!
I don't get anything.
if you didn't even get one single yen,
At that time,
I remember how kind and suave Mr. Akiyama looked from behind.
Mr. Aki-yama ...
I could no longer believe that he had swindled people in the past...
Think-ing about it,
Surely, he hadn't been aiming to make money from the beginning.

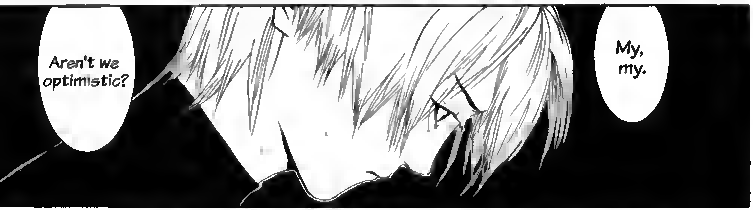

And so,
the slightest feeling crossed my mind...
that I wanted to really get to know him!

When I brought the 50 million to Mr Fujisawa's place ...

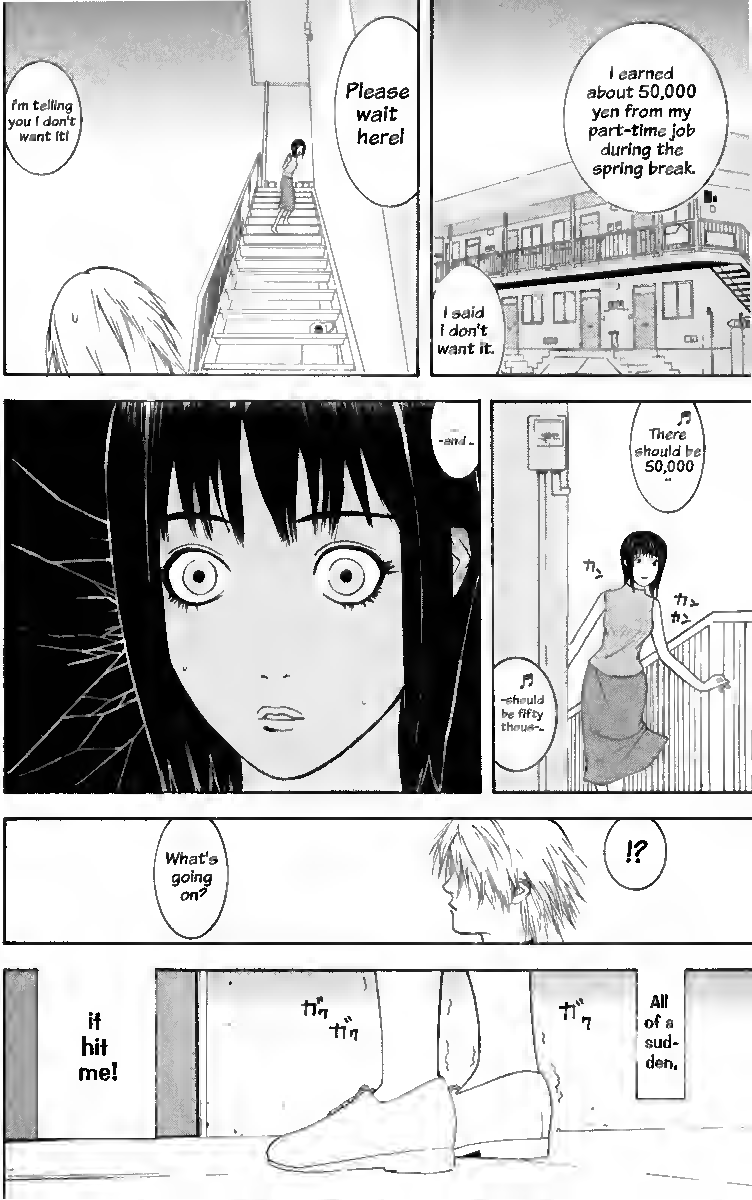
...
It would be great if he returned to being the wonderful teacher he once was.
he kept kneeling before me and wailing out loud!
He didn't raise his head to me even once...

...He was a good teacher? I really doubt that.
He is a wonderful teacher.
He just went through some rough times.

I believe that there's not a single person
whose heart is evil.


My, my.
Aren't we optimistic?

Ah!
I still haven't properly thanked you!!
After all, you were with me for close to a month, and you didn't even earn a single yen.
I don't want anything.
Please! I won't be at peace unless you allow me to!


I'm telling you I don't want it!
Please wait here!
I earned about 50,000 yen from my part-time job during the spring break.
I said I don't want it.
-and-
There should be 50,000
-should be fifty thous-
What's going on?
!?
it hit me!
All of a sud-den.

It was only a while later
In fact,
The game competing for 100 million was just the beginning ...
!!
What happened?

Directions to the LIAR GAME, 2nd round
that there was an even more horrifying game waiting for me!

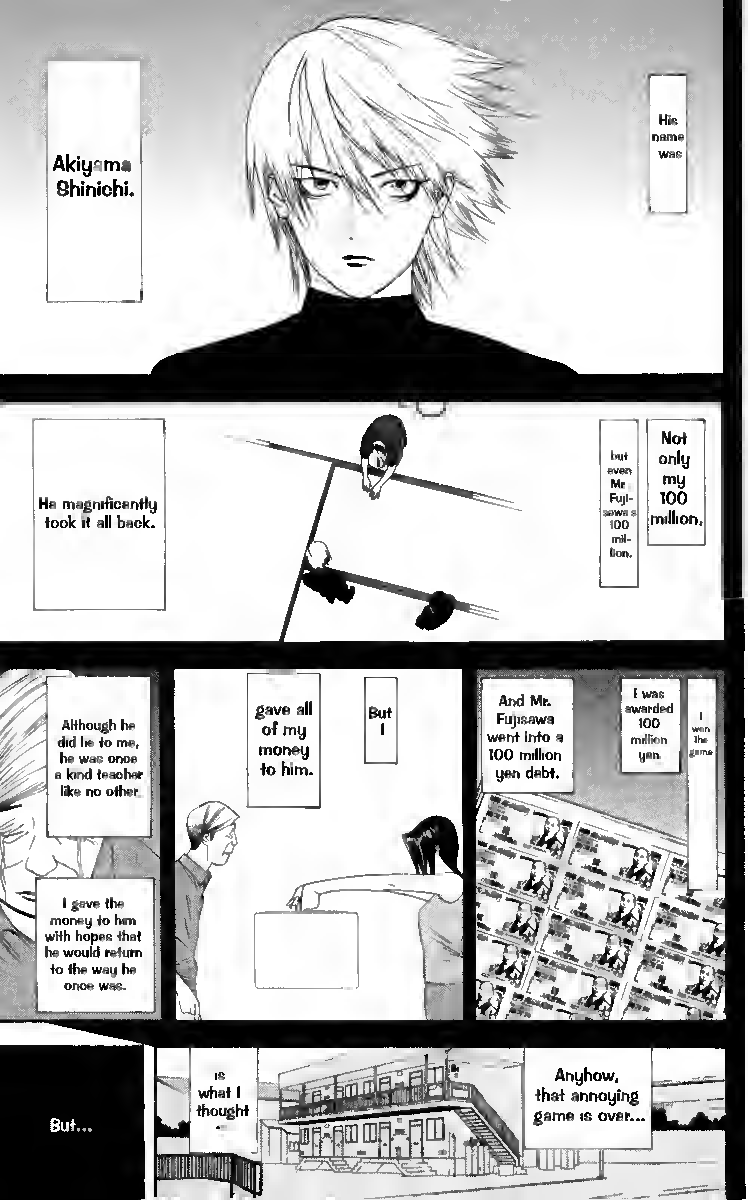
TO BE CONTINUED

My name is Kanzaki Nao.
Because I'm so gullible, they call me the "foolishly honest girl."
Chapter 7
Game 71

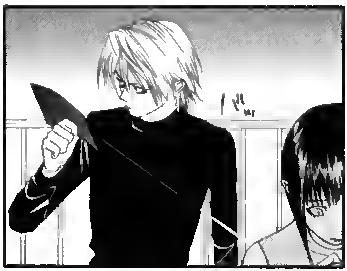
By carelessly opening a package one day, I got myself dragged into a terrible game.
My personality is my curse.

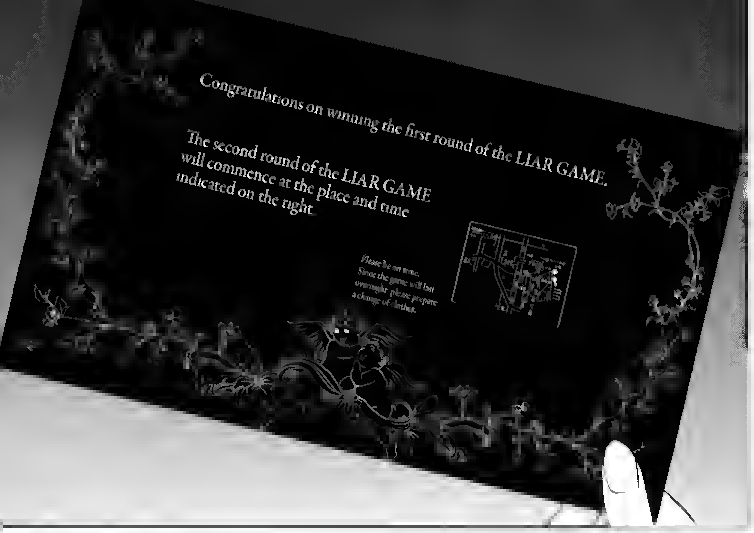
If you steal the money, you win it as a prize. If you lose the money, you go into debt.
The only rule is to try to take the designated opponent's 100 million yen.
It's called the "LIAR GAME."
Thank you for participating in the LIAR GAME!
By breaking the rules on the back you have formally accepted your desire to play the LIAR GAME.
You can no longer withdraw your entry.
The starting 100 million yen is to be your money for the first round of the LIAR GAME.
Please use good care of it.
Just like the name says, it's a game about lying.
I was informed of my opponent.
In just a short while,

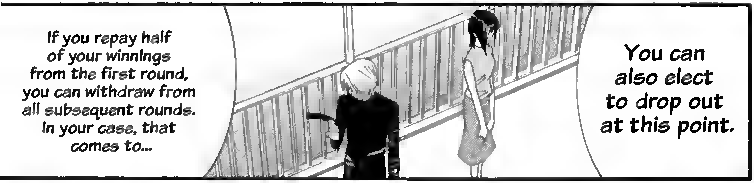
my favorite teacher from middle school, Mr. Fujisawa.
It turned out to be
Saying that ever so kindly,
Well then, I'd better take care of this dangerous thing for you.
Thank you very much.
It's a system in which only the Liar Game offices profit!
Don't be fooled! This is a really evil scam!
If it hadn't been me, then you would have been fooled for sure, Kanzaki-san.
But what a relief we are opponents!
he took the whole 100 million yen from me.
I went to ask a former con artist to get my money back
Faced with this situation,
Because of my favorite teacher, of all people, I was going to be faced with a 100 million yen debt.


Akiyama Shinichi.
His name was
Not only my 100 million.
but even Mr. Fujisawa's 100 million.
He magnificently took it all back.
I won the game
I was awarded 100 million yen.
And Mr. Fujisawa went into a 100 million yen debt.
But I
gave all of my money to him.
I gave the money to him with hopes that he would return to the way he once was.
Although he did lie to me, he was once a kind teacher like no other.
Anyhow, that annoying game is over...
is what I thought
But...

Directions to the LIAR GAME, 2nd round




Congratulations on winning the first round of the LIAR GAME.
The second round of the LIAR GAME will commence at the place and time indicated on the right.


If you repay half of your winnings from the first round, you can withdraw from all subsequent rounds. In your case, that comes to...
You can also elect to drop out at this point.

If a player forfeits, they must repay all of the money awarded from the first round.
Please be exactly on time.
Players who do not appear at the designated time and place will be seen as forfeiting the game.
50 million ?
—must be impossible.
50 million yen.

In your case, that comes to
100 million yen.
Ignore it.
Legally speaking, this card is nonsense.
Don't get involved any further.
... But...
If you're still worried about this...

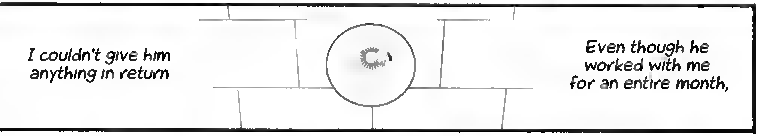
Here's my number.
I'll at least listen to what you have to say.
Mr Akiyama
had decided to ignore it, just as Mr. Akiyama told me to.

I couldn't shake this anxiety.
However,

I can't imagine that the company is going to accept that.
Quitting at this point in the game...
I never wanted this... even so, I'd actually won the first round of the Liar Game

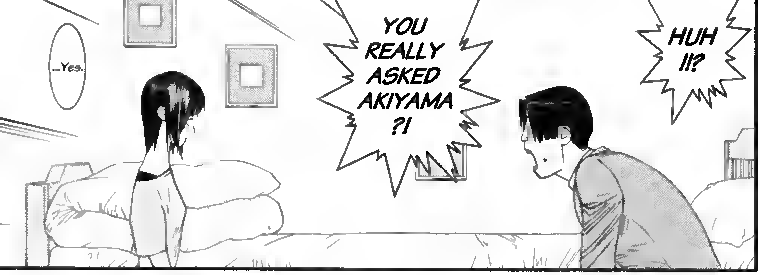
Are they really going to demand 100 million?
I mean, I can't even pay 50 million
Nah...

I can't impose upon Mr. Akiyama any longer.
...I can't.


I couldn't give him anything in return
Even though he worked with me for an entire month,

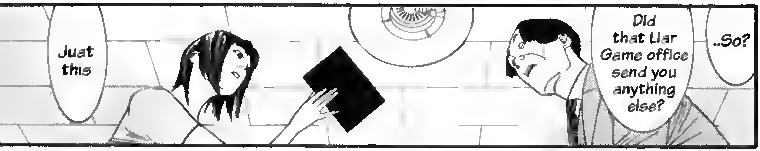
?
Who is it?
ding dong
No matter the reason,
I mustn't trouble him any longer.

Good day!
I just happened to be passing by...
Ah, well
that lawyer from then!
You're that.
How do I say it... I was worried that my consultation wasn't of much help to you.
I really wanted to apologize.
And


...Yes.
YOU REALLY ASKED AKIYAMA ?!
HUH !!?

If it weren't for him, I don't know what would have happened to me by now.
Mr. Akiyama saved me.

I can't believe you asked a real ex-convict...
..But...
But I was just joking..


Just this
Did that Liar Game office send you anything else?
..So?

Even legally speaking there's no reason to obey...
Mr. Akiyama said to just ignore it.

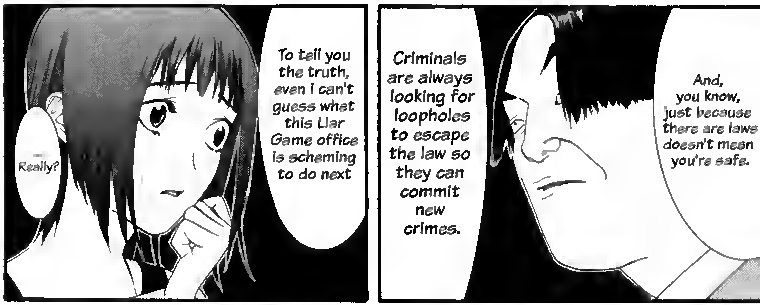
What are you going to do?

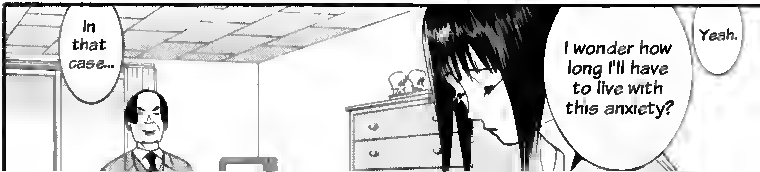
Uh...

Directions to the LIAR GAME 2nd round

!?
But you must be worried.

Yes
... That's right
Right?
just sitting and waiting it out has got to be quite stressful.
Of course, Akiyama is quite right. However,


Really?
To tell you the truth, even I can't guess what this Liar Game office is scheming to do next
Criminals are always looking for loopholes to escape the law so they can commit new crimes.
And, you know, just because there are laws doesn't mean you're safe.


In that case...
I wonder how long I'll have to live with this anxiety?
Yeah.

Why don't you go and threaten them?
?
Go to the place the game is held at and clearly tell those guys.
"Quit bothering me!"
"I never wanted to participate in this Game!
"Don't involve me any more!
"If you won't stop, I'll take this to the police!"
Of course, you shouldn't give them a dime.
The most important thing is that you make it clear that you're irritated by their actions.
These sorts of scams perceive target people as weak
If you show them you're strong, they'll leave you alone for sure!

If they still demand money after that, then come talk to me!
Because then I can definitely be of assistance!
Okay.
I got it.
Ah, I've taken too much of your time.
I have to go meet with a client.
Ah, what about your consultation fee?
Don't worry about it!
This made up for last time.
Anyway, make sure you show them who's boss!
Good luck.
I'm back!

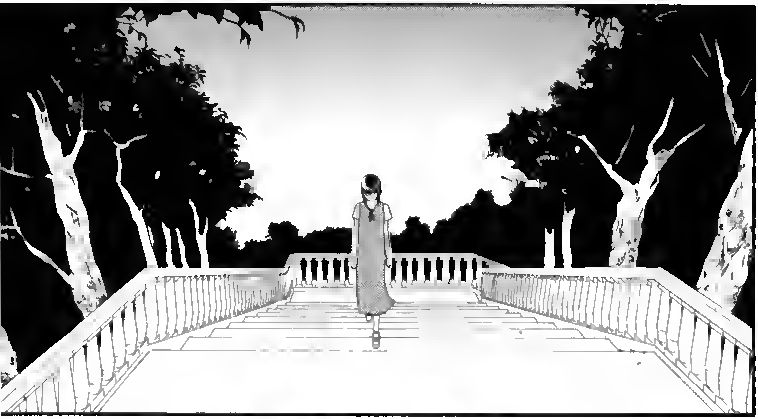
I was able to meet such a nice lawyer.
Thank goodness!
All I have to do is tell them "NO!" with conviction...
That's right
I felt a lot better.
Ah...
I was a little nervous
and I thought I would talk to you about it.
Looks like I missed your call.
What's wrong?
Ah...
Hello?
Mr. Akiyama?
ring ring

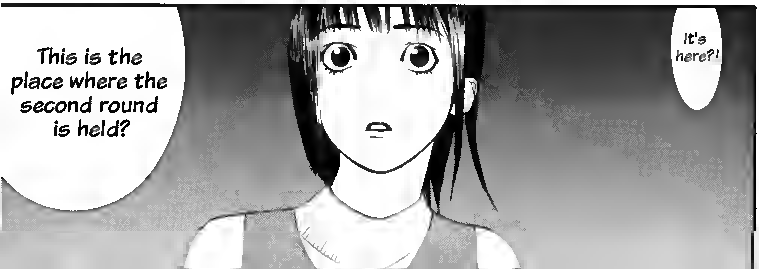
I'm feeling really good!
But I'm fine now...
I see.
And that this situation should be resolved by me alone.
I had decided that I wouldn't rely on Mr. Akiyama any more.
And so, the day of the Liar Game's second round came.
It's pretty far, huh...
The meeting place.

ding dong
ding dong

she actually went there.
Don't tell me

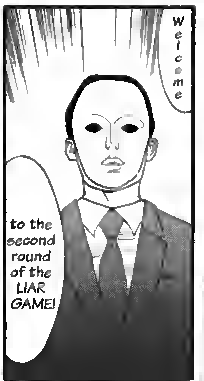
Not here...




This is the place where the second round is held?
It's here?!

オオ

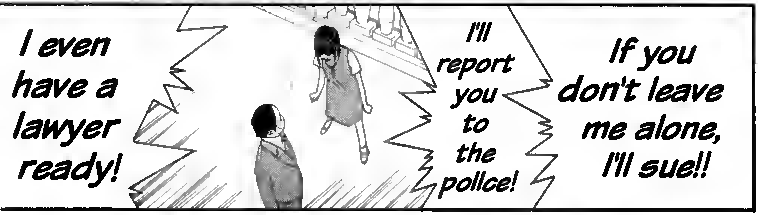
Ah—
I, uh…
Please, this way


Welcome
to the second round of the LIAR GAME!

Ms. Kanzaki Nao…?
correct?

It was a gigantic, old-style western mansion.

Quit bother-ing me!!
Please don't involve me in this any more!!

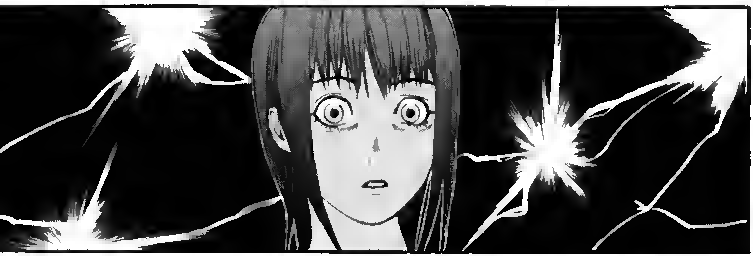

I even have a lawyer ready!
I'll report you to the police!
If you don't leave me alone, I'll sue!!

!
hee
hee
hee

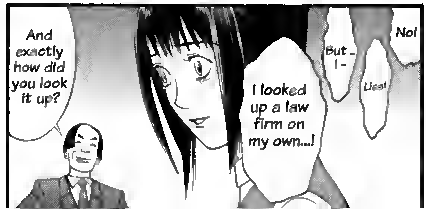
Might that person be ...
tehehheh... That's a problem. Who is this person that told you such nonsense?
THAT'S RIGHT!
YES!
You have a lawyer
who's willing to take this case?
heh
heh heh heh

A certain lawyer
who kind of looks like me?
!!?
!!?
Mr. Lawyer !!
Why are you here!!
You're as gullible as always.
ha ha ha ha

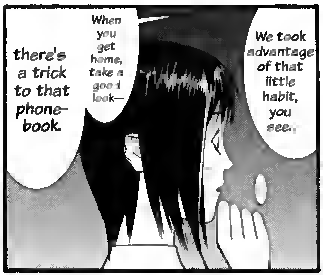
I'm not even a lawyer.
I'm an employee of the Liar Game Corporation!

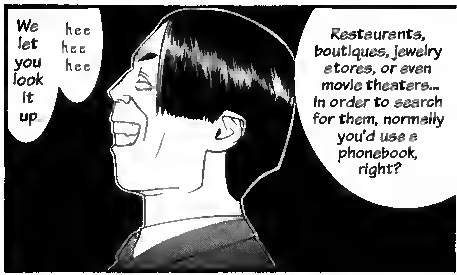


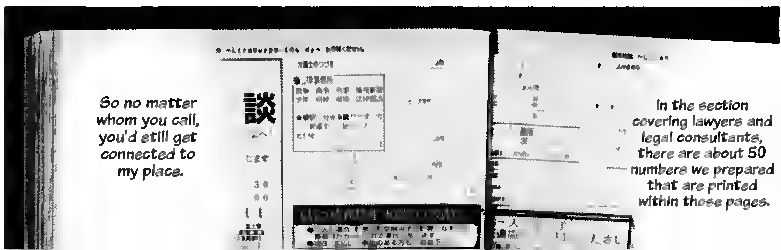
hee hee hee
Because just a week before I had gotten a new phone book, so...
How you say? — Uh, in the telephone book —


And exactly how did you look it up?
I looked up a law firm on my own...!
But... I-
Least
No!

That phone book was sent by none other than our company!!
!?


When you get home, take a good look—
there's a trick to that phone-book.
We took advantage of that little habit, you see.

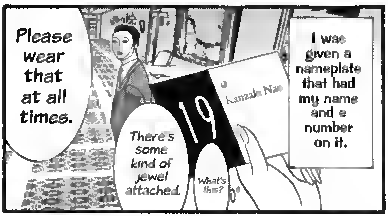

We let you look it up.
hee hee hee
Restaurants, boutiques, jewelry stores, or even movie theatres... In order to search for them, normally you'd use a phonebook, right?


So no matter whom you call, you'd still get connected to my place.
In the section covering lawyers and legal consultants, there are about 50 numbers we prepared that are printed within these pages.

I'm no lawyer or legal consultant!
GYA HA HA HA
I'm just the "attendant" whose job was to make sure you entered the game!
I was astonished
I had once again
been deceived.
sniff
sniff

UWAAAAA
AAAA
AAAH!
What's there to cry about?

hee hee hee
You're being given the amazing chance to obtain a huge fortune!

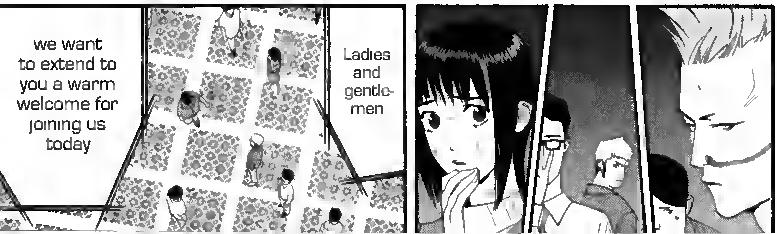

Please wear that at all times.
I was given a nameplate that had my name and a number on it.
Kamado Nan
19
There's some kind of jewel attached.
What's this?

There was no longer anything I could do.
I went inside, just as I was told.

This is the place
I was led to a large banquet hall.

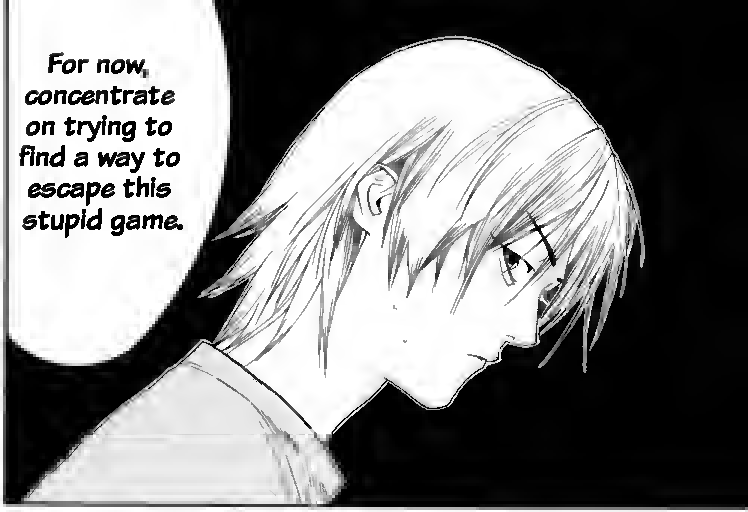
After that
I walked down a long corridor.

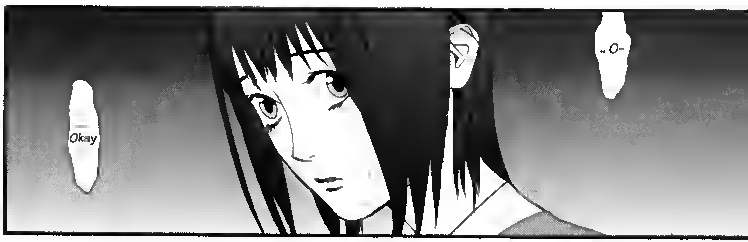
There was a group of about 20 people there.
All of the people here...
They're all winners of the first round?
That is correct


we want to extend to you a warm welcome for joining us today
Ladies and gentle-men

I am the dealer of this game
Please call me Leronira
whisper whisper whisper whisper whisper
From this moment forth,
we will commence the second round of the—
Wait a minute!
I'm playing too.
!!

Mr. Akiyama ?!
22
Mr. Akiyama, why are you here?!
SHH!!
I'll explain later.


For now, concentrate on trying to find a way to escape this stupid game.


Okay
..O..

At this point, no further entries will be allowed.
Including the gentleman who just entered, there is a total of 22 players gathered here today.

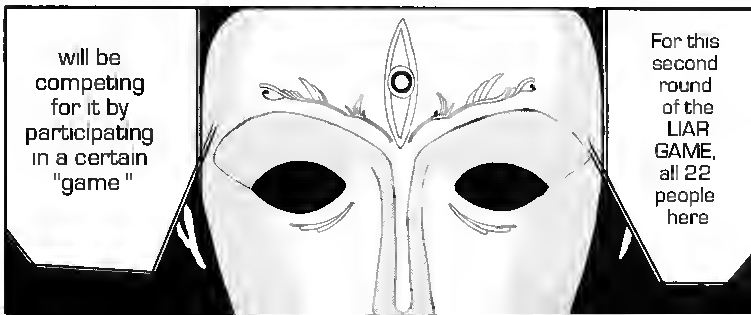
With these 22 players, we will now commence the second round of the LIAR GAME.

So in other words
counting everyone assembled here, that would mean that there is a total of 2 2 billion yen

I will briefly explain the rules
Similar to the previous round each player will receive 100 million yen as their possession

This 2.2 billion
is what all twenty-two of you will contend for.

!!
Although
that is not to say you will capture it by force


For this second round of the LIAR GAME, all 22 people here
will be competing for it by participating in a certain "game"

an "elimination game."
It could be called
Unsuccessful challengers will be asked to leave when they lose

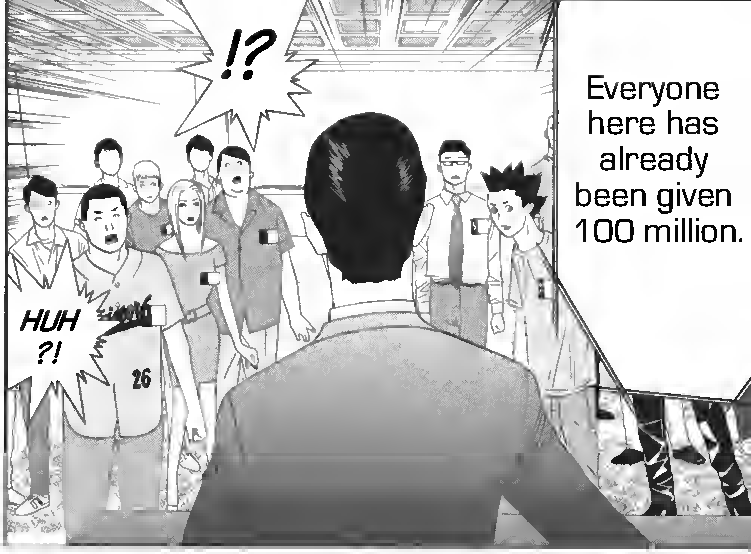
ho ho ho
I'm sure you know what this means

If a player loses, they lose their 100 million They will return it to us before they leave the premises

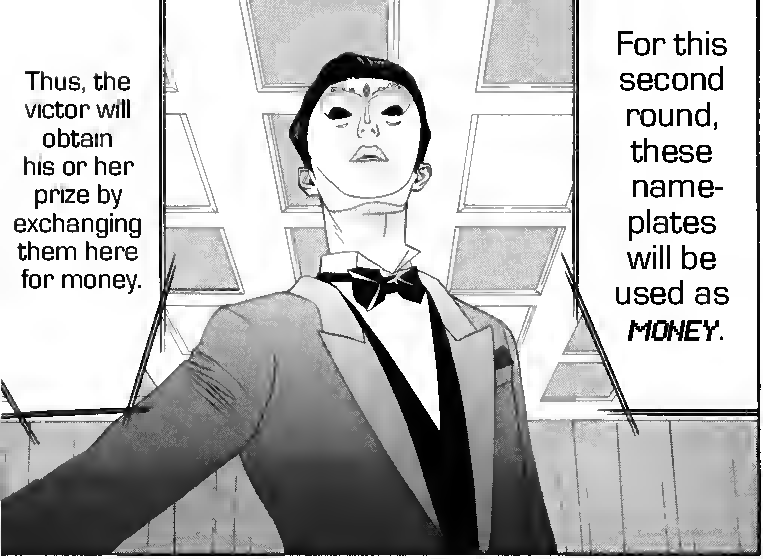
the 2 2 billion remains here.
How ever,
As the game progresses losers will leave, decreasing the number of players

In the end, the last player standing
will obtain the entire 2.2 billion yen!
How does that sound?
ho ho ho
!!
You can obtain 2.1 billion in cash!!
Hohoho 2.1 billion yen~
Actually since the winner must return their 100 million the true amount they can obtain is only 2.1 billion but
Everyone here was chosen.
Everyone here is being given such a lucky chance!

What's wrong player #14?
-?
It's impo-si-ble! I... can't win.
I don't know what kind of game this is, but
It's not fair!!
I-
There's no way I can win.
To have to carry around a heavy stack of bills puts me at a disadvantage.
And I'm not that strong.
Clearly, I'm just a girl.
.....?
As a matter of fact
But I never said that you would have to take care of 100 million in cash
I did indeed say from the start that everyone would be given 100 million
There's no need to worry about that
ho ho ho


!?
Everyone here has already been given 100 million.
HUH ?!
26

HUH?!
NO WAY !!
In short,
Each one is equivalent to exactly 100 million yen
Those jewels are extremely rare, 3-carat pink diamonds
Do you see the pink jewel embedded inside of it?
Take a look at the nameplate on your chest
?
1
Mariners


Thus, the victor will obtain his or her prize by exchanging them here for money.
For this second round, these name-plates will be used as MONEY.

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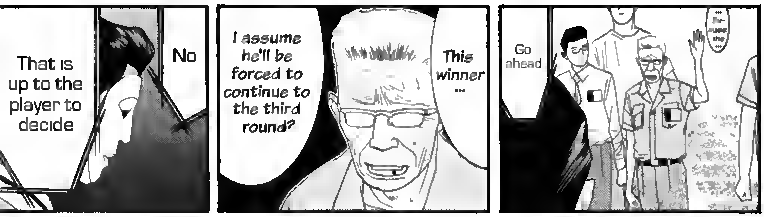
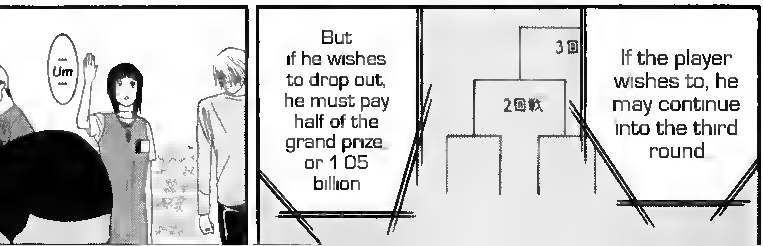
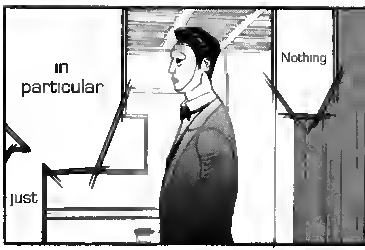

That is up to the player to decide
No
I assume he'll be forced to continue to the third round?
This winner ...
Go ahead


... Um ...
But if he wishes to drop out, he must pay half of the grand prize or 1.05 billion
3回
2回戦
If the player wishes to, he may continue into the third round

What happens
to the losers?

since we lent 100 million at the start of the game we will ask for it back.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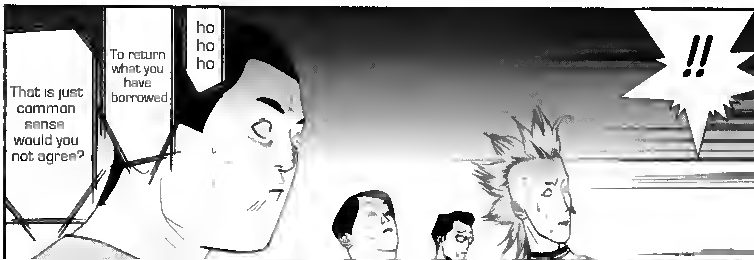
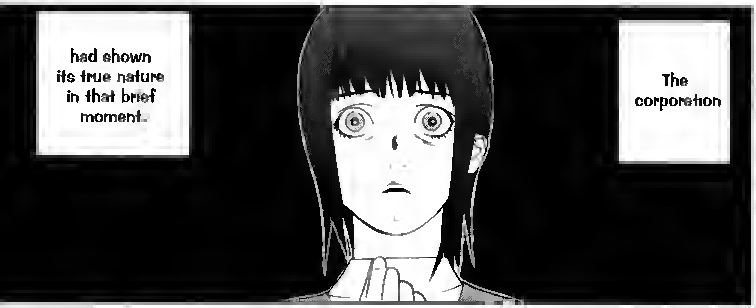
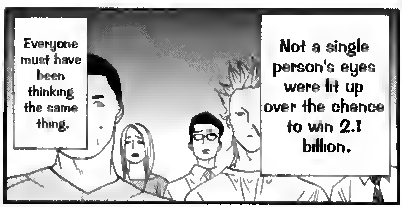
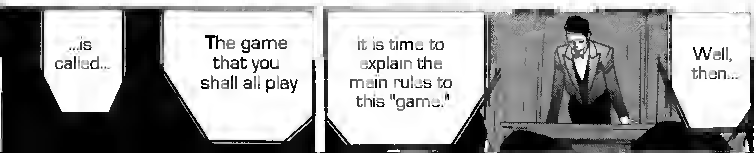

ho ho ho
To return what you have borrowed.
That is just common sense would you not agree?
!!

no matter what means we must use.
We will get our money back,

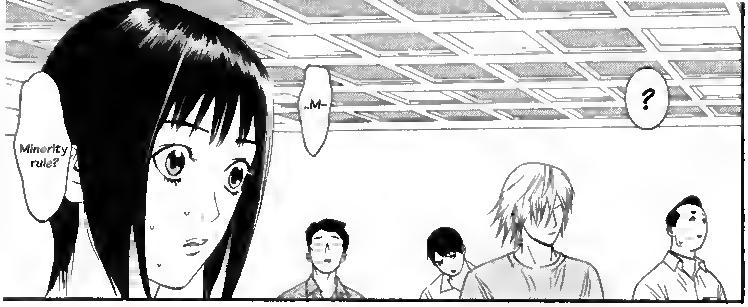

had shown its true nature in that brief moment.
The corporation

It was fear.
It was the burden of bearing a 100 million yen debt...

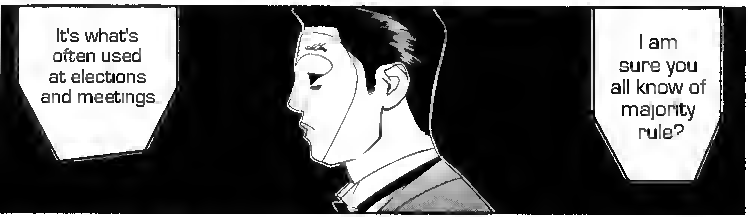

Everyone must have been thinking the same thing.
Not a single person's eyes were lit up over the chance to win 2.1 billion.

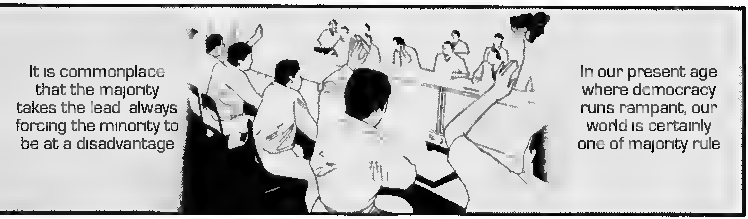

...is called...
The game that you shall all play
it is time to explain the main rules to this "game."
Well, then...

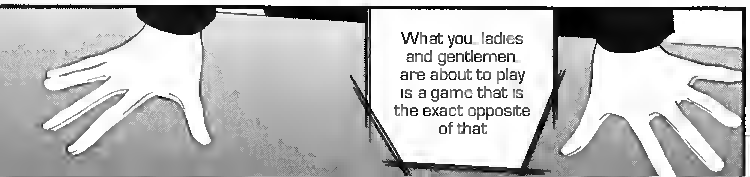
"Minority
Rule."


Minority rule?
-M-
?

ho ho ho
-beats me
What's a minority rule?


It's what's often used at elections and meetings
I am sure you all know of majority rule?


It is commonplace that the majority takes the lead always forcing the minority to be at a disadvantage
In our present age where democracy runs rampant, our world is certainly one of majority rule


What you, ladies and gentlemen, are about to play is a game that is the exact opposite of that

and the minority will remain–
The majority will die

That is the game of "Minority Rule"!!

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